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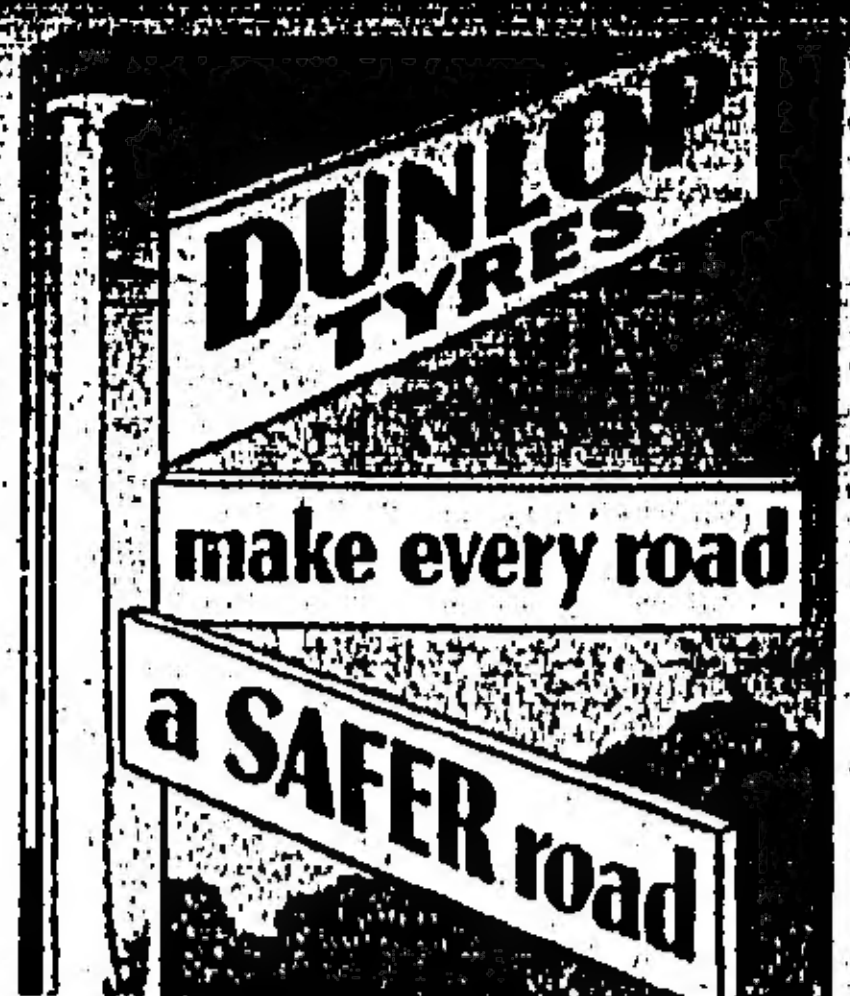
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BRITAIN PLEDGED TO PEACE

DANGER AHEAD IN EUROPE

EDEN OPENS EYES OF NATION

PLEADS FOR GERMANY'S HELP IN CRISIS

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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London, Mar. 26.

Great Britain is loyal to her pledge to maintain the security of France and Belgium, but has no military alliance with those countries, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, during the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons this afternoon, where diplomats and members of Parliament hung upon his words with breathless interest. Britain would go to the aid of France and Belgium only if they were the objects of unprovoked aggression, he reiterated.

He appealed to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany to make constructive proposals to the Locarno Powers permitting a peaceful adjustment of the Rhineland differences, the importance of which from the French point of view was not well understood by Britain.

The proposed solution, submitted by the Locarno Powers, allayed the immediate prospect of conflict, but a German contribution was essential to new negotiations. Thus far Herr Hitler had made only one proposal: not to increase the number of troops in the Rhineland. He would not guarantee not to fortify the zone.

Mr. Eden warned that "unless the British public realise the perplexities of the situation, the Government cannot insure peace."

"I should like to say to France: We cannot insure peace unless France is ready to approach with an open mind the problems separating her from Germany."

"And I should like to say to Germany: How can we hope to enter into negotiations with any prospect of success unless you do something to allay the anxieties you have created?"—United Press.

Rhineland Problem

London, March 26.

The House of Commons was packed by members and diplomats today when Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, delivered his long-promised statement on foreign affairs.

He intimated that his speech was not addressed abroad, but to the people of Great Britain.

Permanent demilitarisation of the Rhineland, stipulated in the Treaty of Versailles, was a most important element in inducing the French to forego their demand for the reparation of the Rhineland from Germany, he declared. The demand for a demilitarised zone figured in the original movement for the protection of the frontier by Germany, who initiated conversations which led to the Locarno Treaty.

Germany, he said, referred to the dictates of Versailles, but nobody ever heard of the dictates of Locarno. If Germany had wished to modify the Locarno pact, negotiations were open to her, Mr. Eden pointed out.

Germany's Claim

The Germans claim that the Franco-Russian pact was inconsistent with the Locarno undertakings and ought to have been settled by the methods stipulated in the treaty. If the Hague Court were unsuitable for Franco-German arbitration, the treaty expressly provided that even legal questions could be submitted to the Permanent Conciliation Commission.

Even those persons in Britain who thought Germany had a strong case deprecated the fact that she had chosen to present it by force and not by reason. And British people, he recalled, were not arbiters, but guarantors with definite commitments.

Mr. Eden read Article Four of the (Continued on Page 5.)

EDEN'S SPEECH PRAISED

FRANCE REACTS FAVOURABLY

LESSENING OF TENSION

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. Anthony Eden's speech to the House of Commons last night, addressed by the Foreign Secretary to the British people particularly, is acclaimed by members of all parties as the greatest of his career. He has succeeded in conveying the impression that the British Government takes its foreign policy from neither France nor Germany, but has its own, founded on the dominant considerations of European peace and a loyal discharge of British obligations.

Mr. Eden's candid words to both Germany and France have met with general approval.

Lobbyists are of the opinion that the net result of the foreign affairs debate has been to strengthen the Government attitude in looking to Germany to assist in solving the European crisis by producing its own proposals.—Reuter.

Paris Impressed

Paris, Mar. 27. The general effect of Mr. Anthony Eden's speech is described as encouraging in authoritative French quarters.

His definition of the scope of General Staff conversations between Britain and France is considered satisfactory and there is no tendency to cavil at the statement of Britain's specific obligations.

It is emphasised that France still insists upon the total acceptance by Germany of the Locarno Powers' proposals of March 19 as a first condition to negotiations. France agrees that Britain's role is that of a guarantor, not an arbiter. France gives Mr. Eden distinct

GERMAN ACTIONS ASSAILED

BRITISH STATESMEN SOUND WARNING

SHALL LAW OR FORCE RULE?

London, Mar. 26.

Mr. David Lloyd George, Britain's war-time Prime Minister and Liberal member of the Opposition, described Chancellor Adolf Hitler's act in marching to the Rhineland as the organisation of a torchlight procession through a powder magazine. He was speaking in the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons to-day.

He followed Dr. Hugh Dalton, Labour, who ridiculed the Locarno Powers' proposals, contained in the recent White Paper, when he spoke for his party.

Opposing a military convention, Mr. Lloyd George dramatically described how in 1914 military arrangements thwarted negotiations and precipitated war. "He said that the French view that steps should be taken if an agreement was not reached was absolutely different from the British, but there ought to be no ambiguity about a subject involving the lives of millions of young men."

He asked whether military measures operated upon the failure of negotiations or only in the case of unprovoked aggression. (The Foreign Secretary, in his speech, said that only in the event of aggression would Britain give military aid to France and Belgium.)

FORCE OR LAW?

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that the real issue was whether force or law should prevail. Unless something could be done to restore the confidence in treaties, no new treaties were possible.

There were plenty of reassuring utterances by Herr Hitler, he added, but reassuring acts were lacking. Germany offered peace to Europe for twenty-five years, but Germany

STEAMER TURNS TURTLE

Nine Lives Lost Off Norfolk Coast

London, Mar. 26.

A French steamer, the Boree, of 1,145 tons, turned turtle off the coast of the British Isles near Cromer, Norfolk, in which nine lives are reported to have been lost. The captain and fourteen of the crew were saved.

It is understood that at the time of the accident there was a heavy fog, and that the cause of the mishap was a collision with another steamer, the name of which has not been ascertained.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

was already bound under the Kellogg Pact never to use war as an instrument of policy.

Germany's offer to return to the League was clearly a preliminary to the demand for a return of her colonies.

Sir Austen warned against the tendency to glorify war. Germany, he pointed out, said that it was these big issues, above mentioned, and not (Continued on Page 5.)

Position Clarified

Berlin, Mar. 27. Mr. Anthony Eden's statement that the White Paper containing the Locarno Powers' proposals was not an ultimatum has clarified the situation, lessened the European tension, declares the Voelkischer Beobachter. This paper goes on to say it hopes as a result of this speech that all nations, including France, will be seen at the same table taking counsel together in peace without prejudice.—Reuter.

ITALIANS DRIVE SOUTH

OBJECTIVE MAY BE LAKE TSANA

LIES AHEAD BRITISH FORCE

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Asmara, Mar. 26.

Two Italian columns are smashing southwards from the Setit River towards Lake Tsana, their objective apparently Ethiopian positions in this locality. There are British troops in the Lake Tsana area, guarding the water system which supplies the Sudan from the Blue Nile.

Tanks, armoured cars and machine-gun units are participating in operations, together with aircraft which are simultaneously clearing the road by bombing Ethiopian positions. It is believed this action is the opening of a mass attack along the entire northern front.—United Press.

LEAVE TEMBIEN AREA

Asmara, Mar. 26. The Italians are reported to be pushing on rapidly on the Takazze and (Continued on Page 5.)

Sweep Ticket Holder Draws Her Brother's Horse, Kiltol

(Special To "Telegraph")

New York, Mar. 26.

Now we know what it means when they speak of the luck of the Irish.

Miss Molra Casey is a music teacher, and her name indicates her nationality; or, proves it. She did not know she was a lucky girl until to-day, but actually she started being lucky when her brother Tommy was born.

She was lucky again when she bought a sweepstake ticket in the Grand National, because she has just learned by cable that her ticket draws a horse, Kiltol, at 50 to 1.

But that isn't all. Perhaps you were wondering where brother Tommy comes in? Tommy rides the horse.—United Press.

ANOTHER SUSPECT IN LINDBERGH SLAYING?

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

Trenton, March 26.

It is reported to-day that Governor Hoffman's investigators are keeping under surveillance a disbarred attorney as a suspect in the Lindbergh murder case. Meanwhile, Richard Bruno Hauptmann, a German carpenter, is condemned to die in the electric chair for the murder of the baby son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh.

He will be executed next week unless those who still believe him innocent can work a miracle and stop the machinery of the law.

Sources close to New Jersey's Governor indicated that the attorney the authorities are watching is suspected because (1) he rented a house on March 1, 1932, but never



Mr. Norman Davis, chief U.S. delegate to the Naval Conference, who states that America provisionally refuses to discuss Pacific fortifications at present, but may do so when Japan is prepared to sign a naval agreement.

Nineteen Die In Air Disasters

BRITISH MACHINE PLUNGES

PAN-AMERICAN LINER CRASH

Two of the worst flying accidents in recent months occurred within a few hours of one another yesterday, one near Mexico City, where a Pan-American liner carrying a number of German passengers on a world cruise carried fourteen to their death; the other near Lyndhurst, Hampshire, in which five persons were killed.

FOURTEEN VICTIMS

Mexico City, Mar. 26. Fourteen people were killed when a tri-motored aeroplane crashed to-day.

Those killed were ten German passengers, including Prince and Princess Schaumburg-Lippe, recently married, the two pilots of the plane, the wireless operator and a technician. The machine had been specially chartered by the Hamburg-American Line for a world tour. It left the city aerodrome en route to Guatemala, (Continued on Page 5.)

NAVAL RACE THREATENS

ONLY COOL HEADS CAN AVOID IT

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF FLEETS DISCUSSED

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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London, Mar. 26.

It is revealed that the United States has provisionally declined to discuss the question of Pacific fortifications, since Japan has withdrawn from the agreements which at present bind the powers in this respect. In response to a British interrogation, the United States representative, Mr. Norman Davis, has explained that the question of fortifications ceased to belong to the London naval conference agenda with Japan's withdrawal.

However, it is believed possible that in the event of Japan signing at some time in the future the new three-power naval agreement, the United States may be prepared to discuss the question of Pacific fortifications.—United Press.

NO CONVERSATIONS

Washington, Mar. 26.

Department of State officials said to-day that Mr. Norman Davis, America's representative at the London naval talks, had not reported any conversations with the British respecting Pacific fortifications.

However, it is considered probable there were informal feelers put forward which Mr. Davis did not consider it necessary to report upon.

FRONTIER TENSION PERSISTS

TWO STORIES OF HUNCHUNG CLASH

CONFLICTING CLAIMS

(Special To "Telegraph")

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Moscow, Mar. 26.

Severe tension remains on the Russo-Manchukuo frontier following the clashes between Japanese and Russian troops on Wednesday, March 25.

An official despatch from Khabarovsk to-day states that an undetermined number of Japanese troops were killed and wounded in two clashes in Russian territory. The despatch repeats the earlier messages of yesterday's engagements, relating how seven Japanese crossed the frontier in the first instance near Hunchung, which is actually in Manchukuo, and penetrated 1,800 feet into Soviet territory. These men were fired on by five Russian Frontier Guards, and after thirty minutes of skirmishing, the Japanese retreated, leaving two of their party dead.

A little later the Japanese returned in force, with machine guns. Some fifty men were in this second party and they opened fire, but again retreated after a lengthy fight. They suffered several casualties, both dead and wounded.

The Russian Ambassador, Mr. Yurenev, has been instructed to protest immediately.—United Press.

Naval Race Danger

London, Mar. 26.

The Naval Powers realise that a world naval race may lie ahead, and that it is only to be avoided by cool heads and statesmanlike diplomacy. The new treaty imposes no restrictions regarding the number of ships.

Whether a race materialises or not depends, firstly, upon the policies of Japan. If Japan is willing to restrict her fleet to approximately the present ratio, dangerous competition may be avoided. But Japan in the past has declared her right to equality, and though she has said she does not intend to exercise this right, the possibility of a change of attitude is always present.

Secondly, the German and Italian naval policies will affect the French and English strength, and Italy, seeing the British Fleet in the Mediterranean and realising the restrictions it puts upon her, may decide to expand.

Largest Fleet In World

The United States enters this danger period when possible expansion may be started overnight, with the largest fleet in the world, totalling 342 vessels. The United States has 87 fighting craft and Japan 212. France owns 209, Italy 182 and Germany 42 war vessels. But the American ships, many of them, are old and outmoded.

Counting only modern craft, the position is somewhat altered. Here Japan is in the ascendancy with 149 warships, the United States has 87, Britain has 146, France 144, Italy 119 and Germany 32.

The United States is remedying this situation, and ships are already building or provided for by appropriation to the number of 84. Britain plans (Continued on Page 5.)



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Abyssinia War Has Cost Britain £7,000,000

ON VISIT TO HONGKONG

NAVY, ARMY, R.A.F., PRESENT 'SPECIAL MEASURES' BILL

War in Abyssinia is proving a costly thing for Britain. Britons are called upon to meet an extra expenditure of £7,811,100, largely because of special measures taken by the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Royal Ordnance factories in connection with the Abyssinian trouble.

Four supplementary estimates were issued this month for this sum, divided thus:—

Navy	£4,850,000
Army	£1,350,000
Air Force	£1,011,000
Ordnance Factories	£100
Total	£7,811,000

Midway Islanders Escape Taxation

Honolulu, Mar. 21.

Through a legal opinion, bordering on the old philosophical discussion of which came first—the chicken or the egg, Honolulu has abandoned thought of taxing the cable station and the Pan American Airways property on Midway Island—stepping stone on the air route from California to Hongkong.

General belief for years in Honolulu was that despite its isolation a thousand miles out in the Pacific Midway was a part of America's island territory and a section of the city and county of Honolulu.

With the inauguration of Pan American Airways' trans-Pacific airship service Tax Commissioner William Bortwick saw a chance to tax the cable station and Pan American Airways' property on the tiny coral atoll.

Hopes for increased revenue were blasted however, when Deputy Attorneys General Joseph V. Hodgson, Dudley C. Lewis and George P. Kimball of the Territory of Hawaii, came forth with a legal opinion definitely setting Midway outside of Honolulu's jurisdiction.

They found a decision of the Supreme court holding that Midway became part of America in 1867—31 years before Hawaii's annexation—and hence Midway could never have been a part of Hawaii. It is under the jurisdiction of the United States Navy.

Honolulu, despite the adverse decision, still boasts the distinction of being the world's longest city. The city and county of Honolulu reaches from Palmyra, 960 miles south of the city proper, to Kure or Ocean Island, which is beyond Midway, and 1,200 miles northwest of the city hall.—United Press.

NEW BISHOPS FOR FAR EAST
Rome, Mar. 5.
Eight new missionary bishops were named and a number of missionary territories changed in the most recent decrees issued by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda and Faith.

Monsignor Bernard Regno, of the Sylvestrino Benedictines, has been appointed Bishop of Kandy, Ceylon. Monsignor Francis Demont, Prefect Apostolic of Ganep, South Africa, has been named Vicar Apostolic of the same territory which has been raised in rank and henceforth will be known as the Vicariate Apostolic of Alwal. The Most Rev. John L. Coudert has been nominated coadjutor with the right of succession to the Vicar Apostolic of Prince Rupert and Yukon, Canada.—United Press.

The cost of meeting this additional personnel, which was required because of the altered fleet dispositions in connection with the Italo-Abyssinian dispute, and other special measures taken, is given as £4,392,000.

RESTORED "CUTS"
The cost of the restorations of the remaining half of the salary and pay "cuts" from July 1, 1935, amounts for a further £264,500. The expenditure on the "special measures" taken by the Army was £1,580,000, but appropriations-in-aid reduced this by £62,000 to £1,518,000. The cost of restoring the cuts was £399,000. The extra gross expenditure required by the more rapid progress in the expansion of the Air Force, particularly in the acquisition of lands and on works services, was £1,000,000, reduced to £800,000 by various savings.

The increase of £100 for the



Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Colonel Lindbergh's mother-in-law, on a pleasure visit to Hongkong.

Suez Canal And Risk Of War

Leap Year Protection Promised Bachelors

Burlington, Ont. Feb. 29.

Police Chief Lee Smith stands ready to protect bachelors apprehensive over the marital dangers of Leap Year. "It is only right that a man's most prized prerogative, that of proposing matrimony, should be safeguarded, Leap Year or not," the chief declared. "If any male citizen complains of being made an offer of marriage and, instead of being flattered, feels he's the victim of a conspiracy, public nuisance or threat, and if the case is substantiated by the evidence, the police will give him such protection as the law provides."—United Press.

Royal Ordnance factories was due to additional orders.

Spain's "Robin Hood"

ROMANTIC BANDIT GAINS HIS FREEDOM

Madrid, Mar. 15.

Spain's last romantic bandit, stocky, elderly Pedro Ceballos, is free. The one-time Robin Hood whose downfall was produced by a romance, recovered his liberty after serving thirty years of sentences totalling more than a century and a half.

Pedro once was known throughout the Andalusian countryside as "El Pepino" (The Cucumber), member of a band of outlaws led by "El Pernal" and including "Nino de la Gloria," "El Reverete" and "Nino del Arabal." They boasted they had never killed anyone and had never injured an unarmed person. They stole from the rich and gave to the poor.

Pedro Ceballos of Fuente-Tojar, Cordoba province, was only 18 when he took to the hills with the other bandits. For nine years he continued his risky profession. During that time many a poor peasant paid his rent with the money that "El Pepino" had taken from his landlord. Charges began to pile up against Pedro in the courts of half a dozen provinces.

Romance changed his life. He loved Manuela Ruoda, of Rute, and the wedding was arranged. The bands were duly read in the parish church on three consecutive Sundays. The time and place of the ceremony were not given so that the civil guards, Spain's crack corps for the maintenance of law and order in the country, would not be present.

The scene was a little chapel in the Sierra de Cabra. "El Pernal" and all his men were there. The civil guards had not been invited to the wedding but they

were there nevertheless. Out of respect to the church, they waited until the ceremony ended. "El Pepino" and his bride fled while the other bandits covered their retreat. One outlaw was killed and one guard was wounded in the leg.

Manuela gave birth to a girl and the happy event ended Pedro's freedom. The bandit's wife had gone to her parents' home in Rute so that she could be given proper care, and her husband braved danger to visit her there.

One night there was a knock on the door. "El Pepino" himself answered it. "El Pernal" pointed at his chest. "I knew you were coming for me," he told the civil guards. "I have just kissed the daughter that has just been born to me and this is no time to shed blood." He threw down his gun.

Pedro was tried and he entered Granada jail to serve sentences totalling 154 years.

He was a model prisoner. He earned everything that could be obtained in the way of remission and now the remaining year of his sentence has been lifted.

At 57, his one desire is to return to Fuente-Tojar and rejoin the daughter he has not seen since that fight in 1906 when the civil guards took him into custody.—United Press.

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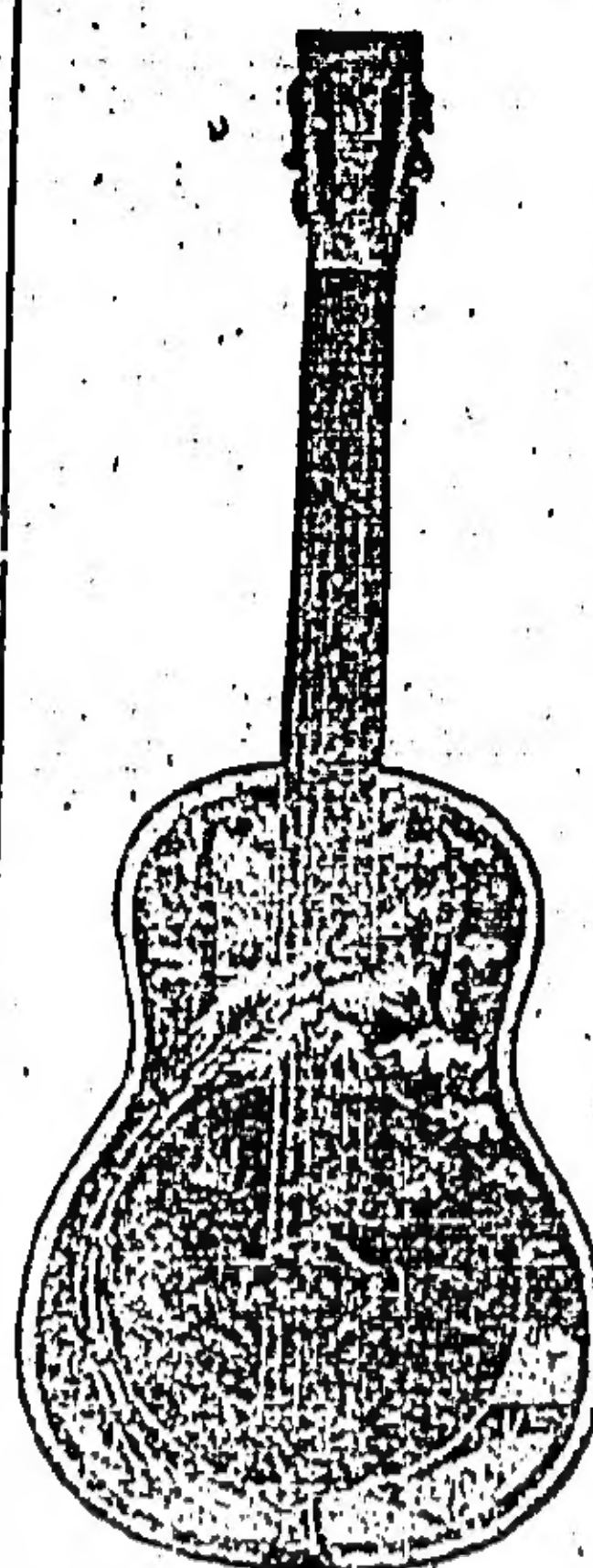
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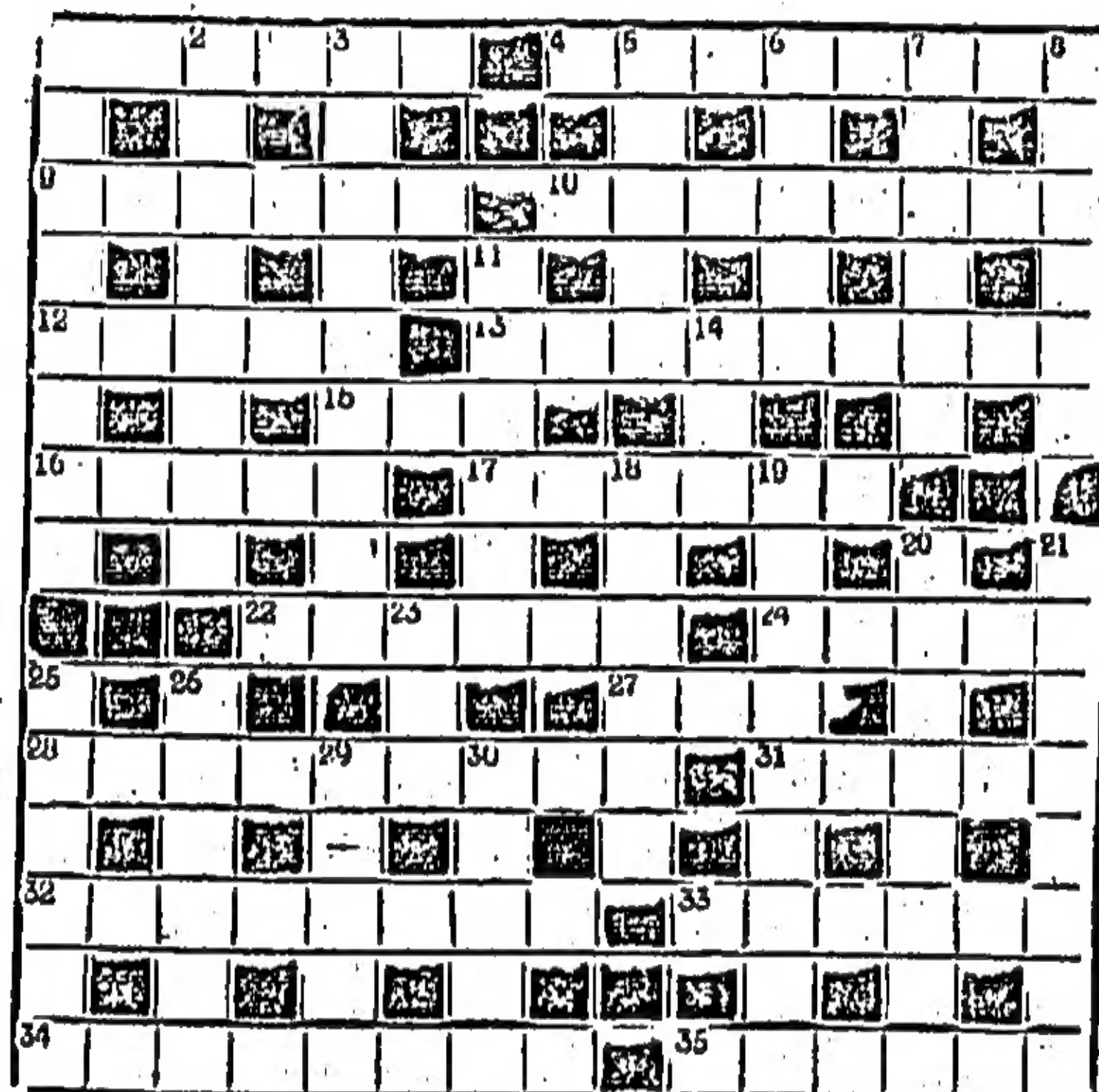
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- Rot! mu, a pun might be of the highest importance.
- Here a hundred to one either way will suit Alphonse.
- Suggesting that you make a vocal effort, putting in practice.
- Mutual.
- Sett out something sharp in a vessel.
- Margaret is very short, not to say angry, at first.
- Look at this town in Suffolk!
- My first might be a maiden, my second, strength; altogether, I mean defeat.
- The flowing bowl, complete with contents.
- Water controller.
- Wheel or wing.
- Value for the second time.
- Condescends to make a design.

DOWN

- This Biblical resin gives a mild blue.
- Not Rip van Winkle's complaint.
- The usual alternative is fourteen days.
- Gold is than silver.
- Scruple.
- This is simply horrid.
- In this madness is shown, though reasonableness itself.

- Prised (anag.).
- This garment is very short for Albert.
- The two which engulf a very grasping individual.
- A scurry enemy.
- There will be trouble with the Navy when decorating starts.
- The end which is less at one end.
- A bit of a fog on a hot day.
- He may find water, or plunge into it.
- For this ball-game, an alepot is essential.
- Chooses tools.
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Pupils of Miss Lily P. Y. Lam will give a concert of pianoforte pieces, assisted by Mr. James C. M. Su, baritone, at the Hop Yat Church on Sunday, March 29, at 8 p.m.

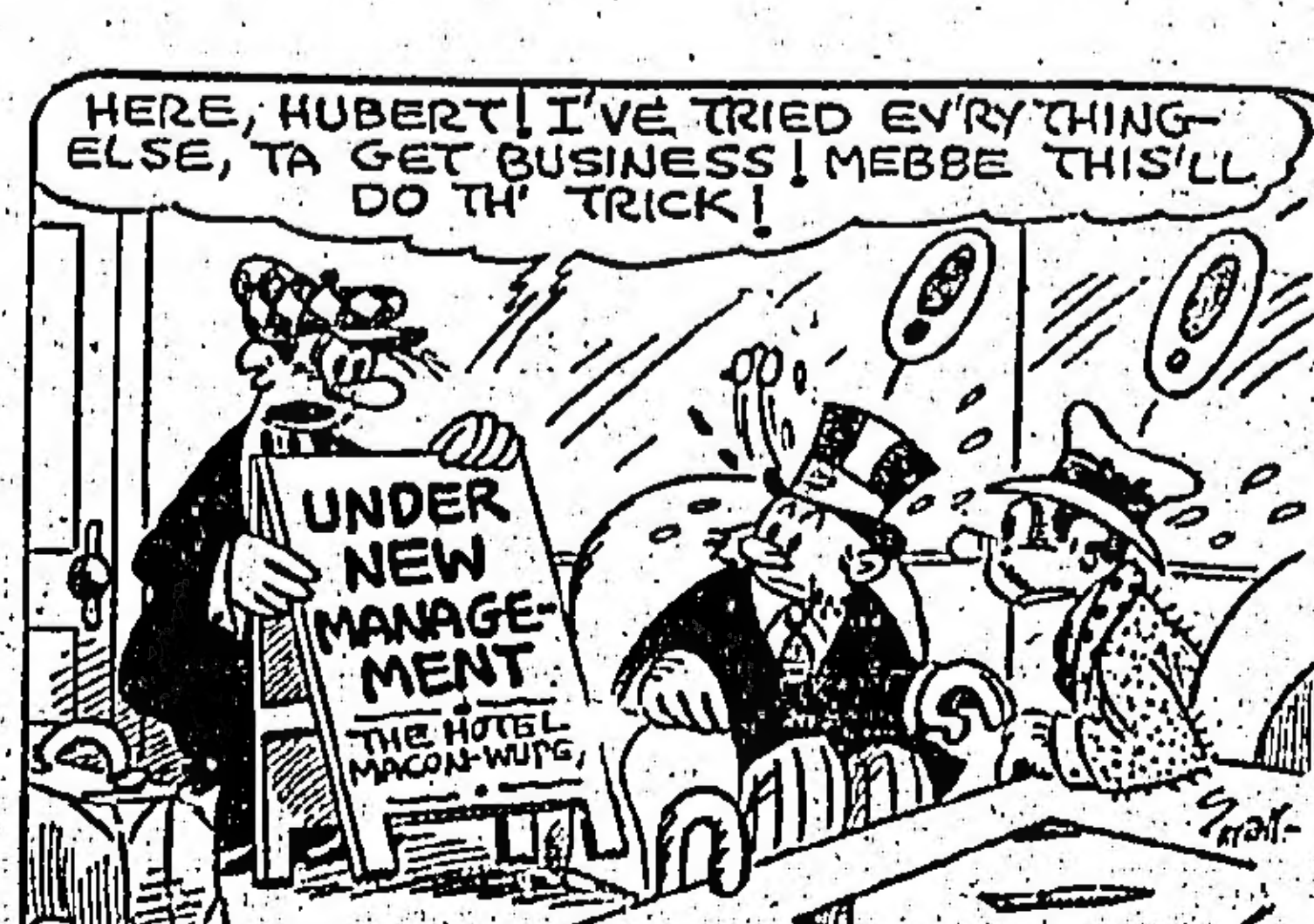
The Hongkong Benevolent Society are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, March 28, at 10.30 a.m. at 11 Ice House Street (the Hongkong Daily Press Building).

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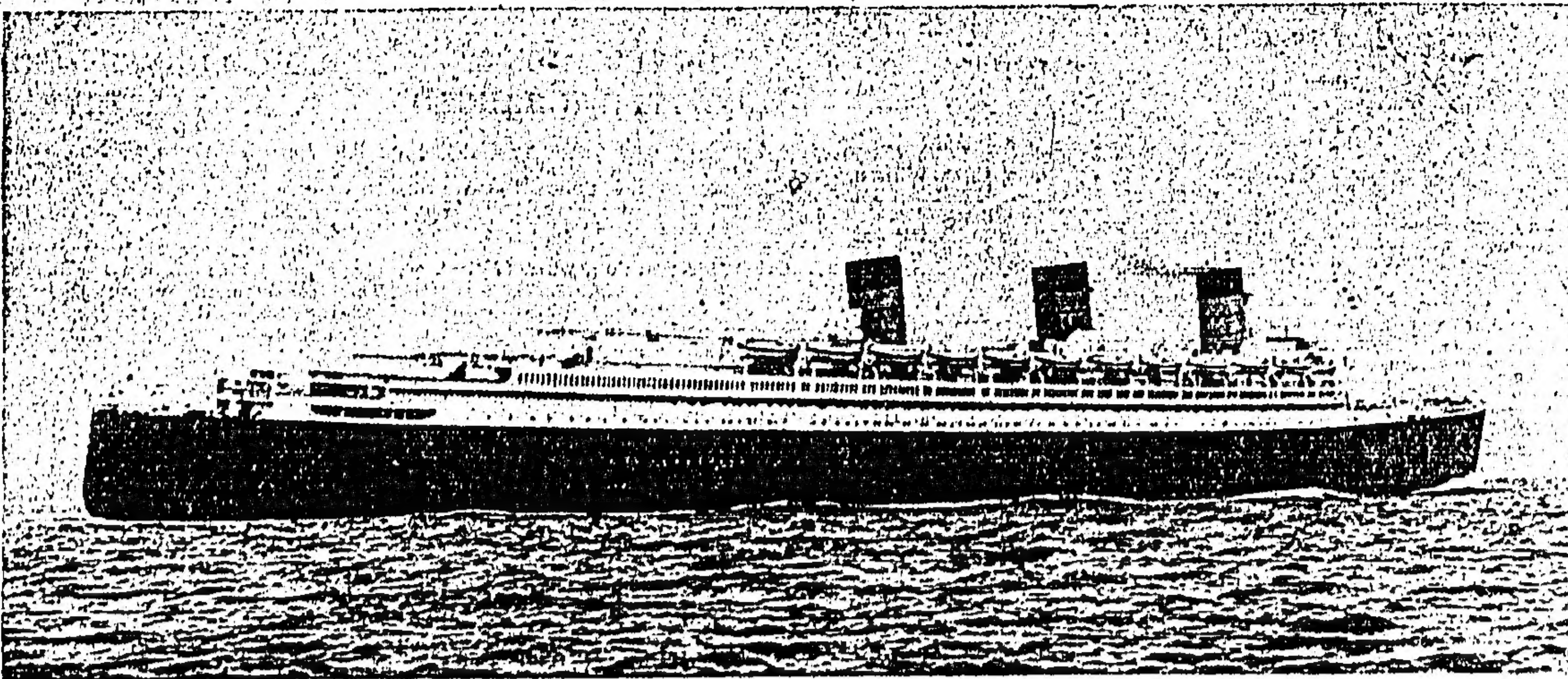
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Suicide To Avoid Giving Evidence

SOVIET MASS TRIAL

Moscow, Mar. 15.

There was a dramatic start to the spectacular trial of 39 ex-nobles, Tsarist officers and merchants accused of engaging in capitalist industry.

The one woman defendant, Vera Petrova, calmly announced that her brother, called as a witness against her, was unable to appear because he committed suicide last night rather than give evidence. The woman, who is 30, is accused of organising a pseudo-co-operative manufacturing cartel and making a huge profit. She is stated to have corrupted tax collectors by drunken revells.

The others are accused of operating privately owned factories and defrauding the State of \$60,000 in income-tax. Three at least face death sentences and all long terms of imprisonment. Three pleaded not guilty, one guilty and the rest guilty on some counts.

They are being tried before two worker judges and one professional jurist.

FLIGHTS WITH MID-SEA BASE SOON TO BEGIN

Washington, Mar. 12

THE international race between Great Britain, Germany, France, and America for first honours in the establishment of a Transatlantic air service has begun. Germany at present looks like taking the lead.

Two months ago British, Canadian, and Irish aviation officials obtained permission for the use of terminal facilities near New York for the western end of the air line they intend to inaugurate next summer.

Woman Bites Doctor's Finger As "Sample"

A DOCTOR, who allowed a woman to bite his finger in order to compare the results with marks on the finger of a man accused of holding up an elderly woman with a pistol, gave evidence at Bristol Assizes recently.

William John Hancock, a 38-year-old labourer, living at Kendall-road, Bridgwater, was charged with being armed with an offensive weapon, a pistol, and assaulting Miss Lotie Pollard, aged 60, with intent to rob. He pleaded not guilty.

Miss Pollard, of Mount Bradford Cottage, Wembdon, Bridgwater, stated that she saw a head come round the front door, followed by a hand grasping a pistol.

The intruder entered the hall and said, "You know what I am going to do with this," pointing the pistol at her. He seized her arm, and twisted it so that it was fractured in two places, took her into the dining-room, and forced her into a chair, demanding to know where her money was.

BIT HIS FINGER

By this time, she said, the pistol was no longer in his hand and she managed to bite the second finger of one of his hands very hard.

The intruder left the house. Three days later, she attended an identification parade, and picked out a man other than Hancock.

Dr. Alexander Reid, of Malvern House, Bridgwater, gave evidence that he found a scar on Hancock's finger on the day of the identification parade, consistent with his having been bitten.

In order to check the matter he allowed Miss Pollard to bite his own finger.

"When she bit my second finger I had to tell her to stop," he said. "Her tooth would have punctured my finger."

Cross-examined, the doctor said that the mark on Hancock's finger might possibly have been made by a slipping screwdriver.

Last night the German delegation obtained identical rights in exchange for similar privileges in Berlin for American transport companies.

Now the French Government has made formal application, through the French Ambassador, for terminal facilities on America's east coast.

Government aviation experts in Washington were to-day convinced that the Germans are best fitted to lead the race.

Catapults

This conviction is based on confidential reports which show that Germany alone is equipped with giant flying boats ready for immediate service.

The experts declare that no other nation—not even America—has flying boats ready to make such long distance flights. The leaders of the German delegation make no secret of their determination to begin experimental flights across the Atlantic almost immediately.

Under tentative plans placed before the State Department, the Westfalen, Germany's floating air-plane base, will be moved from the South Atlantic to a position near the Azores.

Trans-oceanic planes will be projected from this vessel by catapults.

Egypt And The Suez Canal Company

CLAIM TO SHARE CONTROL

Cairo, Mar. 15.

Conversations are taking place between the Egyptian Government and the Suez Canal Company concerning Egypt's interest in the working of the canal concession.

The Egyptian Government holds that Egyptians should be nominated to the board, on which there is no Egyptian director.

The president of the company is always French. In addition there are 20 French, one Dutch and 10 British directors. Three of the British directors represent the Government and the others various shipping companies.

It is also claimed that, under certain clauses in the concession, Egyptian shipping is entitled to a preferential tariff, and that the company should make an annual payment on account of the reduction of debenture charges due to payment in paper instead of in gold.

The company, the Government urges, should employ a percentage of Egyptians on the staff, which is at present almost exclusively French. The Government has every hope of an early agreement.

WINTER BIKES



Novel sport is latest fad—bicycle-sledding. Sledges can make good speed downhill, and are enormously popular on the continent.

Electronic Eye That Pierces Dark

AN AID TO SHIPS

St. Louis, Feb. 18.

An electronic eye capable of piercing the dark and offering inestimable possibilities as an aid to air and sea navigation, warfare and science was introduced before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Developed in Radio Corporation laboratories by Doctors V. K. Zgorykin and George A. Morton, the "eye" was said to have its greatest practical possibilities as an interchangeable telescope or microscope.

In telescopic form, it is tubular, its objective end looking much like a camera lens and its forward part like an old-fashioned stereopticon. The image strikes a photo-electric surface and passes into an electrical field which transposes infra-red (black) light, producing the image on a phosphorescent screen.

Since infra-red rays are corollary to radiant heat, the electronic eye on a ship at sea could pierce complete darkness and reproduce the image of a smoke stack of another vessel, Dr. Morton believes.

In war time, a landing field could be "illuminated" with infra-red light, making it invisible to the enemy but in clear relief to planes equipped with the electronic telescope.

Such "illumination" would mean only the insertion of black filters in ordinary flood lights.

In microscopic work, Dr. Morton said, the "eye" may permit the bacteriologist to see minute organisms which now have to be painted with a luminous substance which sometimes kills them.

The component parts of the "eye," he explained, are a photo-electric cathode and a glass disk coated on the side opposite the optical lens with a semi-transparent layer of luminescent material. When the infra-red light passes through the glass disk, electrons are released from the layer of photo-electric material. The electrons then enter the field of an electron lens which focuses them in the same manner as an optical lens focuses rays of light.—United Press.

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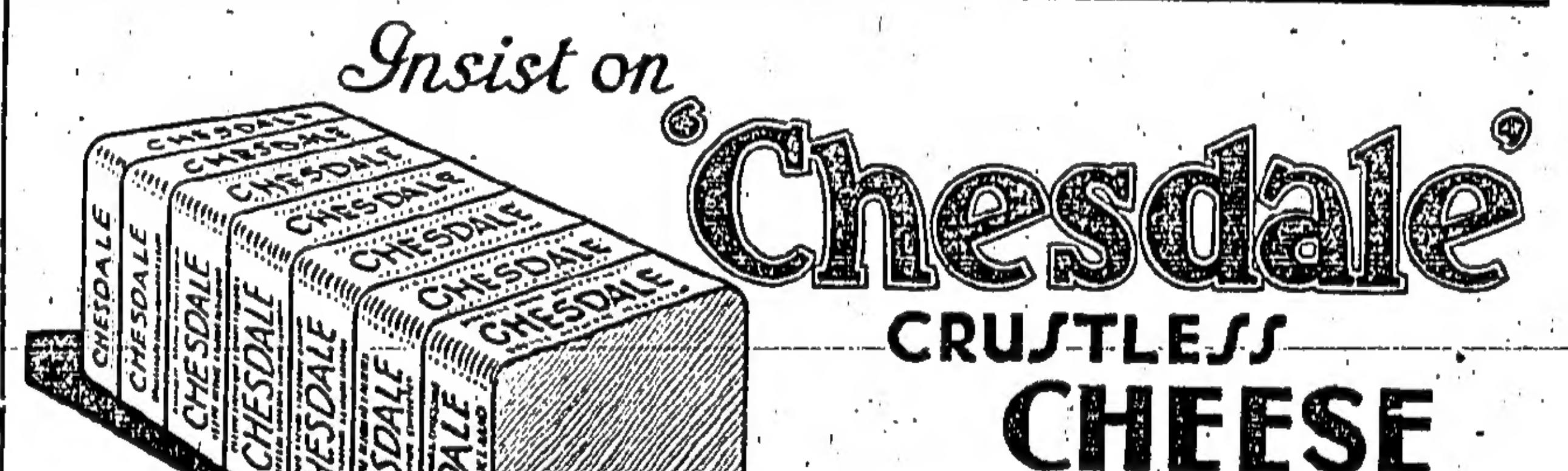
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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

N. Y. K. LINE.
(Nippon Yusen Kaisha.)

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship,
"HAKUSAN MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are hereby
landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company's Godowns at Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be ob-
tained.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd April,
1936, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in
the Godowns for examination by the
Consignee's and the Co.'s representa-
tives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at
2.30 p.m. within the free storage
period. For the examination of
damaged dutiable goods, the consign-
ees must arrange for a Revenue
Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival here,
after which date they cannot be
recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1936.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of
local share quotations issued this
morning.

Banks.

H. K. Banks, \$1555 s.
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.),
\$101 n.
Chartered Bank, \$14 1/4 n.
Merrantile Bank, A. and B.
\$30 1/2 n.
Merrantile Bank C., \$13 1/2 n.
East Asia Bank, \$73 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$270 n.
Union Ins., \$555 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.
China Fire, \$480 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$247 1/2 b.
Internat'l Assce., Sh. \$3 1/4 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$36 n.
H.K. Steamboats, 3 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.), \$30 n.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$20 n.
Shell (Bearer), 89 1/4 n.
Union Waterboats, \$13 n.

Mining.

Antamoks, \$2.22 s.
Balakos, \$2 1/4 n.
Bengale, Gold, 2 1/4 cts. sa.
Benguet Consolidated, \$18 b. ex.
div.
Benguet Exp., 19 cts. b.
Big Wedge, 26 cts. n.
Demonstration, 66/68 cts. sa.
Gold Creek, 15 cts. n.
Gold River, 7 cts. n.
Itogons, 65 cts. n.
I. X. L., \$1.40 b.
Salcot, 15 cts. n.
Kallian, 11 1/8 n.
Langkats (Single), \$10 n.
Masbato, 75 cts. b.
Rauas, \$11 1/4 n.
San Mauricio, \$1.04 b.
S'hai Explorations, Sh. \$4 1/4 n.
S'hai Loans, Sh. \$4 n.
United Paracale 64 cts. b.
Venz: Goldfield \$3 1/2 n.

Docks etc.

H.K. Wharves (old), \$32 n.
H.K. & W. Docks \$9 n.
Providents (old), \$1.40 s.
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.
Hongkew (old), Sh. \$190 n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$70 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons Sh. \$8 b.
S'hai Cottons (old), Sh. \$70 n.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
of Shareholders will be held in
the Office of the Company, 2,
Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on
Monday, 30th March, 1936, at
Noon, for consideration of the
Directors' Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Trans-
fer Books will be closed from the
21st to 30th March, 1936, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1936.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"LT. SAINT LOUBERT BIE"

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk &c.
arrived Hongkong on the 22nd March,
1936.

Consignees are hereby informed
that their goods with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are
being landed and stored into the
Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be ob-
tained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me
on or before the 2nd April, 1936, or
they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be exami-
ned by the Company's Surveyor
Messrs. Goudard & Douglas in the
presence of the Consignees at 10.00
a.m. on Saturday, 28th March, 1936.

Consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when any duti-
able goods are examined by the
Company's Surveyor.

No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1936.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"ANDRE LEBON"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles &c.
arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, the
25th March, 1936.

Consignees are hereby informed
that their goods with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are
being landed and stored into the
Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be ob-
tained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me
on or before Saturday, 4th April,
1936, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be exami-
ned by the Company's Surveyor
Messrs. Goudard & Douglas in the
presence of the Consignees at 10.00
a.m. on Tuesday, 31st March, 1936.

Consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when any duti-
able goods are examined by the Com-
pany's Surveyor.

No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1936.

S'hai Cottons (new), Sh. \$40 n.
Zong Sing, \$12 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$25 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$4.45 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$29 1/2 lb.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben.
\$100 b.
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$18 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.
Humphries, \$9.25 s.
H.K. Realities, \$5 n.
Chinese Estates, \$54 n.
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.
China Debenures, Sh. \$63 n.

Public Utilities.

H.K. Tramways, \$10.70 s.
Peak Trams, (old), \$7 n.
Peak Trams, (new), \$3 n.
Star Ferries, \$84 n.
Yaumati Ferries, (old) \$19 n.
China Lights, \$10.75 sa.
China Lights, (new), \$7.25 b.
H.K. Electric, \$53 s.
Macao Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$7 1/2 b.
Telephone (old), \$25.15 n.
Telephone (new), \$9 n.
China Buses, Sh. \$11 1/4 n.
Singapore Tractors, 21/- b.
Singapore Prof 26/- a.
Industrials
Malayan Sugars, \$3.40 n.
Cald: Macs. (old), Sh. \$19 1/2 a.
Cald: Macs. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ice, \$1 1/4 n.
Cement, \$3.55 b.
H. K. Ropes, \$4 1/4 n.
Stores, \$4 n.
Dairy Farm, \$10 1/2 n.
Watson, \$4 1/4 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3 1/2 n.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Thirty-first Annual General
Meeting of Shareholders will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank Building, on Wed-
nesday, 8th April, 1936, at noon
for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1935.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from 28th
March to 8th April, 1936, both
days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1936.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Sixth Ordinary General Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be held
at the Registered Office of the
Company, King's Theatre Building,
5th floor, on Monday, the 30th day
of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock, noon,
to receive the Directors' Report,
and Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1935, to elect
Directors and Auditors and to
transact such other business as
may be properly transacted at an
Ordinary General Meeting of the
Company.

And notice is further hereby
given that the register and trans-
fer books of the Company will be
closed from the 23rd to the 30th
day of March, 1936, both days
inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO.

Managing Director.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1936.

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Wilcox Marine type Boiler fitted
with Superheaters and Econ-
omizers complete with chimney
suitable for working up to 200
pounds pressure. This boiler is
fitted with chain grate stokers.
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ment for the conversion of the
above boiler to oil firing consist-
ing of:—oil tank, pressure oil
pumps and complete set of oil
burners.

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Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$55 n.

Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainment, \$4.70 n.
S. C. Entorplese \$1.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds," \$2 n.

Constructions (old), \$1 1/4 n.
Constructions (new), 60 cts. n.
Vibro Piling, \$4 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds
94% n.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2 %
prm. 5.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/4 % Loan par. n.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Government And The Volunteers

(To The Editor.
Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—In your issue of 25th March,
there appeared a letter by "Pro Bono
Publico" headed "The Government
and the Volunteers". It has not been
my custom to answer such letters in
the past, but I feel that on this
occasion a reply is called for. The
Publico makes certain state-
ments in his letter which are not
correct. Reasons were not served out
in advance and all ranks were advised
to do something for themselves, which
I understand on the best authority,
most men in the Regulars did not
do and did not intend to do. The
arrangement was very efficiently car-
ried out whereby the majority of the Corps
were served with a hot drink and
ample food during the night.

His statement that it was very
cold weather for March is not borne
out by the fact that the Corps
agreed that it was not hot between
6 and 7 a.m., yet it was probably the
warmest night we have had this
March.

All units in shorts or kilts were
served out with bannier oil as a
protection against mosquitoes. The
idea of serving out blankets for one
night is preposterous, considering the
proportion of men who were mobile
for the operations.

Whilst I welcome, at any time, fair
criticism I cannot agree with such
statements as that the Government
was not much easier if I had a treer
hand in expenditure and I would
welcome such a situation, but, at the
moment, expense has to be considered
and the best use made of the money
available.

During the operations I visited
many units and was much gratified
with the keenness and alertness of
all members of the Corps. The
operations clearly showed, however,
that the Corps is very short of
personnel to man machine-guns.
Anyone who reads this letter and is
already in the Corps is cordially
invited to join up as soon as possible,
particularly in the Machine Gun
Battalion. They will receive a warm
welcome.

H.B.L. DOWBIGGIN,
Lt.-Col.,
Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Sir,—I suppose "Pro Bono
Publico" really means well, but
what a line to take!

Does he honestly think that an
over-large Government emolument
has any necessary connexion with an
unlucky Volunteer?

He says the Government refused
to provide rations. This is not cor-
rect. I personally received a wel-
come supply of hot tea and pasties at
my position in the middle of what
was a very warm night. March
night, and as to blankets, heaven
knows we had enough to carry with-
out adding furnishings to our mar-
tial burden in any case, comfort
was not intended to be of the es-
sence of the party and "P.B.P."
would have been surprised how com-
fortable some of us were able to make
ourselves.

You cannot make a good Volun-
teer any more than you can make a
good soldier by molly-coddling him,
and all keen Volunteers realise this.
The only suggestion I can make
to "P.B.P." is that he should write
to the Aggregators and request them
please to not to aggress except in
warm weather.

OLD BILL'S FIRSTBORN.

VARITY GRADUATE FINED

DANGEROUS DRIVING OF CAR

S. S. Savi, an undergraduate at the
Hongkong University, residing at St.
John's Hall, was fined \$20 by Mr. W.
Schmidt at the Central Magistracy
this morning, on a summons for driv-
ing private car, No. 235, without due
care and caution in Upper Albert
Road on March 6 at 11.45 a.m.

Traffic Inspector Alexander said
defendant was proceeding up Upper
Albert Road, near the exit to the
Government House and the entrance
to the Botanical Gardens, another car,
No. 1800, was proceeding east along
Upper Albert Road, going towards
Kennedy Road. In this car were two
children, apparently going to school,
and an ayah. It was driven by a
Chinese chauffeur, and was on the
proper side of the road. Defendant's
car shot across the road towards this
car and nearly collided with it.

Defendant's car was being driven at
too great a speed. He applied the
brakes, but a skid mark of about 25
feet was left on the road, in spite of
the fact that the car was going
up the hill.

Defendant stated that he was going
at 20 miles an hour. If he had gone
faster he would have collided with the
other car.

Inspector Alexander said the charge
really was that, as defendant came
out of a side road into a main road,
and he should have reduced speed.

JAPANESE MINISTER DEAD

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Mr. Takukichi Kawanishi, Minister
of Commerce and Industry in the
Hirota Cabinet, died to-day of
pneumonia.—*Reuter*.

The Hongkong Branch of the Eng-
lish Association will hold its sixth
and last meeting for the Session 1935-36
on Tuesday, April 7, in the Helena
Masonic Institute at 6.30 p.m. Sir
Thomas Southern, who has been Pres-
ident for this Session, will take the
chair, and Father Ryan S.J. will speak
on "Gilbert of the Savoy."

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course

9.20 S. P. Langley, J. W. Mayhew.
9.24 F. C. Mudd, C. C. Willson.
9.28 I. H. Geare, E. M. Bryden.
9.32 S. H. Dodwell, Partner.
9.36 E. W. Kirk, Col. Matthews.
9.40 J. G. Charlton, J. Angwin.
9.44 E. A. Brodie, W. N. Euyers.
9.48 E. Taylor, W. J. Waddington.
9.52 W. L. Alexander, J. Forbes.
9.56 G. B. S. Thomson, W. J. Key.
10.00 T. R. Rowell, R. A. Rodgers.
10.04 A. B. Purves, A. R. Chasels.
10.08 N. K. Littlejohn, A. McKellar.
10.12 A. Anderson, A. W. Hodges.
10.16 H. N. Williamson, R. K. Collings.
10.20 R. D. Evans, A. Sommerfelt.
10.24 D. L. Prophet, J. Harrop.
10.28 W. W. C. Shewan, F. M. Ellis.
10.32 D. W. MacEwen, E. T. Mac-
Mullen.
10.36 C. J. Shann— O. E. C. Marton.
10.40 A. T. Lay, G. Marselle.
10.44 Pay, Lt. Morant, Surg. Lt. Car.
Marks.

New Course

9.28 W. Sharr, A. A. Bremner.
9.36 Mrs. Prophet, Mrs. Harrop.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from
the Hongkong Telegraph for the
week ended March 27, 1915.

The rate of the dollar on demand
was 1s. 9 1/2d.

Miss Dobereck, B.A., after over
23 years' service as assistant
meteorologist at the Royal Observa-
tory, left for Home on pension.

The death occurred at the Sea-
men's Institute of Mr. Henry
Comrie, Chief Officer of the s.s.
Mexico City.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Variety will be the keynote
of the illustrations appearing in
to-morrow's issue of the
Telegraph Pictorial Supple-
ment. Weddings of which
photos will appear include
those of Mr. D. L. Prophet and
Miss Knill, Mr. G. G. Clarke
and Miss Joyce Naylor, Mr.
Leonardo A. L. da Silva and
Miss Ondina de Araujo (in
Lisbon) and Mr. Chan Fook-
man and Miss Hui Yuen-yung.

There will be several pic-
tures of the Ambulance Brig-
ade inspection, whilst among
other groups
golfers at Fanling, H.M.S.
Tamar accountant staff, officials
of various Football Associa-
tions, and Warner Oland, noted
film star, and friends at the
Hongkong Hotel.

There will be a picture of
the Queen's College inter-class
volleyball final in progress, a
portrait of Siragat S. Chow-
hurry, senior member of the
Sikh section of the Defence
Corps, and a happy study of
Sir Robert Ho Tung and the
Chinese Minister of Railways.

The Supplement will also
contain entertainment and
feature pages, with result of
last week's Children's Competi-
tion and details of a new com-
petition.

EXCHANGE

TO-DAY'S OPENING QUOTATIONS

Selling
T.T. Demand 1/3 1/4
T.T. Singapore 1/8 1/4
T.T. Shanghai 107
T.T. Japan 110 1/2
T.T. India 85
T.T. Frisco & New York 32
T.T. Java 46 1/2
T.T. Franco 4.89
T.T. Manila 33 1/4
T.T. Bangkok 143 1/4
T.T. Saigon 48 1/4
T.T. Lisbon \$95
4 m/s. L/C 1/4 1/4
4 m/s. D/P 1/4 1/4
6 m/s. L/C 1/4 1/4
4 m/s. San Frisco & New
York 33 1/4
4 m/s. Franco 5.10
New York—London 4.95 1/4

PHILIPPINE GOLD MINING SHARES

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts received
the following buying and selling
quotations from their Manila Agents this
morning:

Benguet Consolidated 11.50 11.70
Antamoks 1.85 1.40
United Paracales 39 1/2 40
San Mauricio 68 69
L. K. L. 100 100
Masbato 51 51
Demonstrations 41 41 1/4
Big Wedges 16 17

FALSE PRETENCE ALLEGED

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE CHARGED

A Government employee's attempt
to dispose of two confiscated boats
belonging to the Police Department,
and lying in the Yaumati Govern-
ment Slipway, was told before Mr.
Macfarlane at the Kowloon Police
Court this morning, when Lt. Sam, 40,
seaman No. 48, of General Post Office
launch No. 1, was charged with ob-
taining \$20 by false pretences from
Tung Pui-chung, 60, shop keeper, of
32, Main Street, Aberdeen.

Detective Sergeant G. Dowman
stated that on the morning of March
20, the complainant was in the vicinity
of Wai Ching Street enquiring the
purchase or hire of a boat. The de-
fendant approached him and took
him to the Yaumati Government Slip-
way and showed him two boats. He
stated they were for sale at \$15 or
\$16. Defendant gave him a slip of
paper with the numbers of the boats
Y2127 and Y6126 marked on it. Com-
plain

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FOURTEEN KILLED IN AIR CRASH

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Prince Friedrich Christian zu Schaumburg-Lippe, who became a Nazi official, was born at Bückeburg in Jan., 1906. His father was Prince Georg, who died in 1911, and his mother, Maria Anna Princess of Saxe-Altenburg. Friedrich was the brother of the late reigning Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe, Prince Adolf, who was born in 1883 and who abdicated in Nov., 1918, after the German revolution. Adolf having married a commoner, the union was not recognized by the rules of his princely house. Friedrich's wife was Alexandra Countess of Castell-Rudenhhausen. They have a daughter, born in 1924, and a son, born in 1931. For a time they lived at Godesburg on the Rhine, but later moved to Berlin.

Prince Friedrich was one of the few members of former German ruling houses who joined the National-Socialist movement before Hitler came into power. He became one of the most devoted adherents and friends of Dr. Goebbels, later Minister of Propaganda and Enlightenment. When Goebbels was given this portfolio in 1933, he appointed the Prince, who had been successful as his secretary, to be his official adjutant. Friedrich accompanied Goebbels on all his official missions and also addressed meetings himself.

U.S. WON'T DISCUSS PACIFIC FORTIFICATIONS

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to build 49 new warships, and Japan 35. The American programme includes three aircraft carriers, three heavy and nine light cruisers, 53 destroyers and 16 submarines.—United Press.

Value of Treaty

London, Mar. 26. Naval experts, at the London conference, declare that goodwill and economic sagacity only stand between the powers and a costly naval race. They say the present three-power treaty will ease international suspicion and reduce the danger of the appearance of new types of warships. The Japanese say that despite appeals to them at the signing ceremony yesterday it is doubtful if Japan will adhere to this new treaty. Unless Japan endorses it by January 1, 1937, the provision for the reduction of the maximum calibre of guns to fourteen inches is automatically cancelled.—United Press.

Three cases of meningitis and one case each of diphtheria and Puercal fever were reported to the local health authorities on Wednesday.

NINETEEN DIE IN AIR DISASTERS

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and a quarter of an hour later it burst into flames and crashed to earth. The fourteen victims were burned beyond recognition. Baron von Stieher was also amongst those killed.—Reuter.

ON WORLD CRUISE

Mexico City, Mar. 26. A tri-motor transport machine, operated by the Compania Mexicana, subsidiary of the Pan-American Airways, carrying a Mexican crew of three and eleven passengers, all of them prominent Germans on a steamship cruise around the world, crashed to-day with a loss of all on board.

The passengers chartered the plane for a flight to Guatemala and crashed in a mountain pass between Popocatepetl and Ixtachihuatl. The dead include the Prince and Princess Schaumburg-Lippe.—United Press.

HAMPSHIRE CRASH

London, Mar. 26. Four men and a woman were killed in a plane crash near Lynnhurst, to-night.

The disaster is believed to have been due to static disturbances. Other pilots operating in the vicinity reported severe atmospheric. It is thought the machine was caught in a storm and forced down.

The pilot, Captain Birmingham, was an experienced aviator and was engaged in Army co-operation work, involving night flying, in order to give searchlight units practice in locating aircraft.—Reuter.

ITALIANS DRIVE SOUTH

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Settit River fronts. They are said to have occupied Maltimshet, the scene of a heavy engagement last autumn. It is stated that the Ethiopians have evacuated the whole of the Tembien region, and that Ras Kassa and Ras Ibra, with the remainder of their forces, are now near Gondar.—Reuter.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Rome, Mar. 26. It is stated that Italy has not made the withdrawal of sanctions a condition for negotiation of a settlement of the Ethiopian dispute, and the Committee of Five's appeal is acceptable in principle.

Nevertheless, it is most unlikely that military operations will be called off until the Italian Command is assured that the Ethiopians are prepared to accept Italy's minimum terms, which is regarded as very doubtful at present.—Reuter.

GERMAN ACTIONS ASSAILED

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the small matters like the re-militarisation of the Rhineland that were at stake.

Unless we learn our lesson, warned Sir Austen, "we are steadily marching back to a new 1914."

URGES DEFENSIVE PACTS

Mr. Winston Churchill said the real problem was not the re-occupation of the Rhineland, but the re-arming of Germany. He suggested that all States alarmed by the growth of German armaments ought to form pacts of mutual assistance under the Covenant of the League.

No arrangements should be imposed on Germany, said Mr. Churchill, that were not prepared to impose on ourselves. The inviolability of German soil should be guaranteed, and Germany should be addressed collectively not only on the minor question of the Rhine, but the supreme question of German re-arming. Germany should be invited to state her grievances.

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Labour leader, said Labour agreed that Germany should be invited to participate in the League, but it was useless to think that they could build a stable collective system if it took Germany on a basis of broken faith, without an indication of her next promises would be kept. They should insist that Germany should make a contribution to peace and security.

PUNISHING AGGRESSION

The world had a long way to go before it could rely on the active co-operation of all members of the League of Nations to punish aggression, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of Exchequer, winding up the debate on foreign affairs.

Meanwhile Britain, and other powers, must buttress the League by such arrangements as the Locarno Pact, he said.

Referring to the question of whether the contact of French and British General Staffs involved Britain in an obligation to undertake, with France, the expulsion of German troops from the Rhineland, he said this was most definitely not the fact.

Germany had made no contribution towards the restoration of confidence, he reminded the House.

"We want a contribution, to convince other countries that Germany is coming to conference with a real desire to reach a satisfactory settlement."

The debate concluded without any vote.—Reuter.

Local estate amounting to \$10,400 was left by Mr. Leung Hon-yam, alias Leung Chee-chuen, merchant, late of 12 Kam Wah Street, Shaikwan, who died at the above address on September 6, 1934. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Mrs. Leung Li-shi, alias Li Lan, widow.

BRITAIN PLEDGED TO PEACE

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Locarno Pact, making the British Government's responsibilities clear.

Honours Signature

"I want, in all bluntness, to say that I am not prepared to be the first British Foreign Secretary to go back on the British signature," the Minister told the House. Loud cheers greeted his pronouncement.

The British objective, he went on, was to seek a peaceful and agreed solution. France said that if withdrawal from the Rhineland could not be otherwise arranged it must be brought about by progressive pressure, beginning with financial and economic sanctions. The British Government did not take that view. The Cabinet thought it was its imperative duty to seek to restore confidence by negotiations.

After many days of anxious, and even critical negotiations, the White Paper, framing the Locarno Powers proposals, had been produced. He emphasised they had always been proposals, and not an ultimatum.

If the suggestion for an international force to patrol the Rhineland were the difficulty and Germany had some other constructive proposals to replace it, "we would be quite ready to approach the other powers and try to secure an agreement upon it." But without a constructive contribution from Germany the task of starting negotiations would be almost impossible, Mr. Eden declared.

Military Co-operation

Mr. Eden distinguished between the arrangements for General Staff conversations, mentioned in the White Paper, and those before 1914. The question to-day was whether British people were prepared to make arrangements to fulfil their obligations should the need arise.

Attacking the argument that Britain must avoid all European entanglements, Mr. Eden insisted it was of vital interest to Britain that the integrity of France and Belgium should be maintained and that no hostile force should cross their frontiers. The General Staff conversations plan only applied in the case of unprovoked aggression, and he hoped the necessity for such co-operative measures would never arise. But he was confident the necessity was much less likely to arise if Britain made quite clear her position.

He did not regret any of the proposals in the White Paper. The circumstances were as grave as any since the War and few people in Britain realised the immense significance of the demilitarised zone to certain parts of Europe. The White Paper allayed the immediate prospect of steps being taken which might have led to war.

When the war danger was weighed against the White Paper he was convinced that all would agree the document was worth while.

Germany Must Help

They attached the greatest importance to new negotiations, the Foreign Secretary continued, but if they were to reach that stage there must be a contribution by the Germans. Hitherto none had been forthcoming, except Herr Adolf Hitler's undertaking not to increase the number of troops in the Rhineland. That was not enough.

If Germany would undertake not to fortify the Rhineland during negotiations that would be something; but he was informed it was impossible for Germany to give even that undertaking.

The proposals which Herr Hitler was making next would be received with an open mind and a keen desire to make the best use of them. They were only at the beginning of a critical period of international negotiations and they must persist in their search for peace on enduring foundations. Britain was not bound by the divergent policies of either France or Germany.

Advice To France

To France he would like to say that Britain was unable to ensure peace unless France was ready to approach with an open mind the problems separating her from Germany. And he would like to say to Germany: How can we enter into negotiations with any prospect of success unless you are prepared to do something to allay the anxieties in Europe which you have created?—Reuter.

FRONTIER TENSION PERSISTS

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mediately and vigorously to the Tokyo Government.—United Press.

Counter Protest

Tokyo, Mar. 26. The Foreign Office has instructed the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow Mr. Ota, to protest to the Soviet Government with respect to the border clashes of Wednesday.—United Press.

On Manchukuo Soil

Washington, Mar. 26. The Japanese Embassy here has issued a statement with respect to the border fighting near Hunchung. It is stated that the Russian troops left many empty cartridges inside Manchukuo territory.

The Japanese assert that the Japanese Consulate at Hunchung reports that at 8.30 a.m. Wednesday Soviet troops fired on a Japanese border patrol, wounded three and captured two.

Forty Japanese and twenty Manchukuoans, brought up as reinforcements, discovered fifty Soviet troops 400 yards distant from Hunchung.

At 4.50 p.m. Soviet reinforcements arrived and took the offensive and at 7 p.m. Japanese reinforcements also came into the action, whereafter skirmishing presently ceased.—United Press.

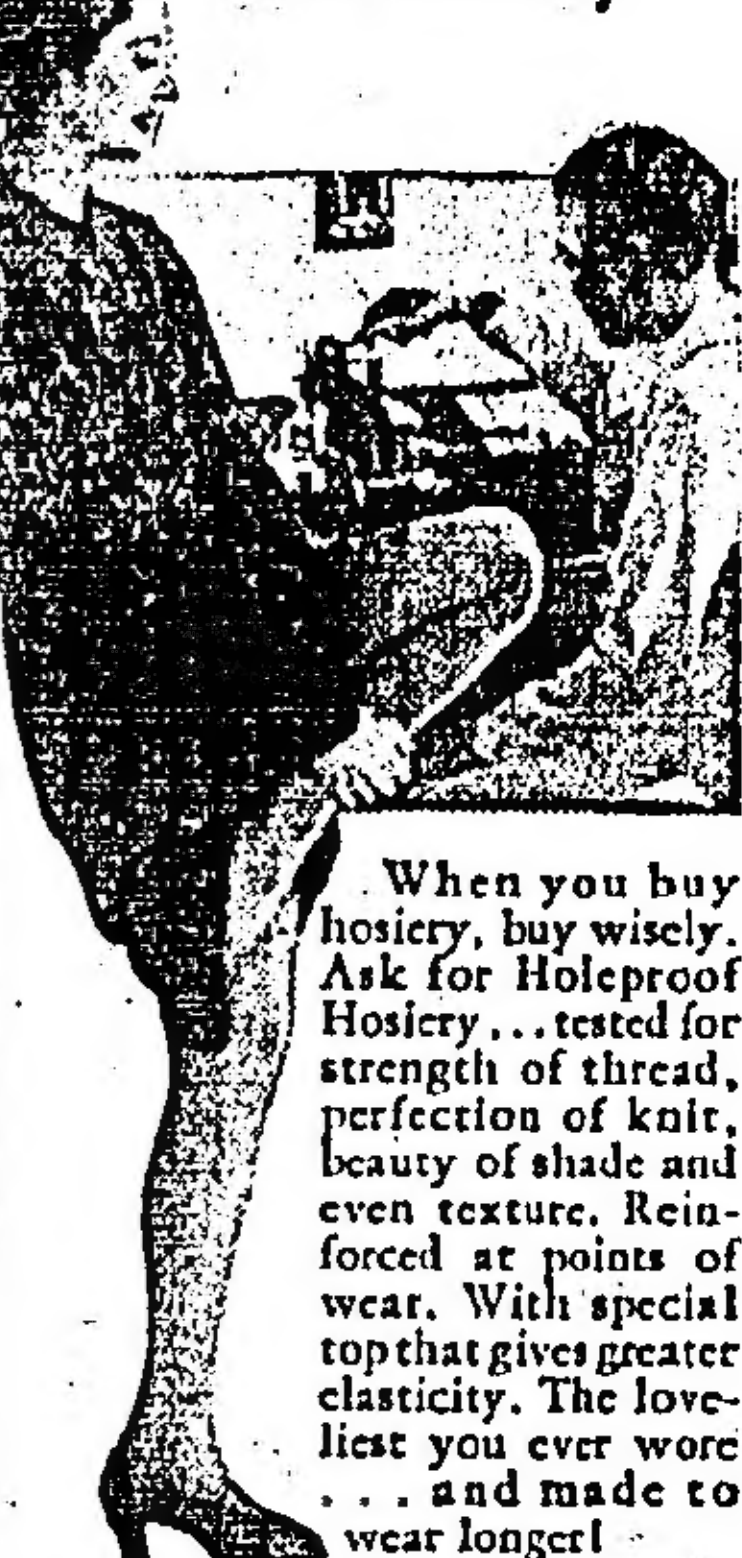
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CLOUDY WEATHER

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BORDER FRICTION

The occurrence of another border clash between Soviet and Japanese forces serves as a fresh reminder of the friction periodically evidenced along the frontiers of territories controlled by Russia and Japan. Once again, there will no doubt be difficulty in determining responsibility for the aggression as, in all these instances, each side invariably accuses the other. But whatever the facts may be, it is becoming increasingly apparent that only a fundamental political appeasement between Tokyo and Moscow, accompanied by a diminution in the numbers and bellicose spirit of the frontier troops, will remove a Russo-Japanese conflict from the category of future possibilities. It has well been pointed out by a political observer that one obvious cause of these recurring clashes is that border patrols on both sides are suspicious and quick on the trigger. A state of military deadlock is the result of the deadlock which still continues politically on this frontier question. Again and again there has been hope of the appointment of a boundary delimitation commission to adjust matters once and for all, but Russia has usually taken the stand that the boundary is fixed and clear and that no delimitation is necessary. Aside from the technical points in dispute, it is obvious that each side cherishes profound suspicion of the ultimate designs of the other. Soviet statesmen have repeatedly accused Japanese militarists of planning to seize Eastern Siberia, while Japanese soldiers and statesmen foresee a resumption of Russia's thrust for warm water ports on the Pacific and see in the Communist Internationale an agency for bringing China under Soviet domination and for sowing seeds of unrest in Manchukuo and Korea, as well as in Japan itself. It seems clear that both the Soviet and Japan are prepared to believe the worst about the designs of the other. Consequently, each side is thinking definitely in strategic terms. It is difficult to see how an atmosphere of genuine pacification can be created, but it would help if

The little yellow door at the end of the corridor . . .

THERE is tenseness among the occupants of a row of cells in Trenton's State Prison. Their eyes are on Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the rather good-looking young man who is waiting to pass through the little yellow door at the end of the corridor into eternity.

His pale face compels them. His sunken eyes hypnotise them. Unless Governor Hoffman himself acts Bruno Richard Hauptmann will be dead at dawn on Monday, electrocuted by a creed that demands a life for a life. But there is long enough for Hauptmann to review his whole lifetime. The man in cell number nine sees a village in Saxony, trees, flowers, sunshine; a rude, unhappy childhood; a sweet, gentle mother; a rough, drunken father.

Then guns, trenches, dying men, starvation.

And after—peace. Jobless men. More starvation. He is desperate, and turns to burglary for a living. He is arrested while robbing a burgomaster's home. Prison and punishment. Then freedom. More hunger. And then the idea of America—America the land of milk and honey. He lands in New York. He becomes a dishwasher.

March 1932. A blustering wind blows on the day of March the first. At night it howls round a lonely house near Hopewell, New

NOTES OF THE DAY

NEW COINAGE

The Royal Mint report for 1934, which was recently published, shows that during that year coins were executed for ten different parts of the British Dominions. These comprised no less than thirty-seven different denominations, and amounted in all to over 71 million coins. This was thirteen million in excess of the average during the previous ten years. There was, however, a decline in the home coinage during the year. Plans are now being made throughout the British Empire for the issue of new coinage and postage stamps bearing the effigy of the new monarch. His Majesty King Edward the Eighth, and the transference of his name or initials to various State documents. The process involves a considerable amount of work, and it is not expected that any of the new coins will appear before June, and that no new stamps and postal orders will be issued until the late autumn of this year. The magnitude of the task may be estimated from the fact that in the case of stamps alone provision has to be made for some twenty million a day. The process involved in the production of new coinage is a long one. Drawings by selected artists will be submitted for searching tests by the Mint's expert advisory committee, representing the arts, technical manufacture, and heraldry. This done, the chosen artists must present carved models of their proposed coins to the committee, after which dies will be made of the models and one or two specimen coins struck. After further close examination and consideration of all the factors involved, production will begin.

the two nations came to some kind of agreement about each other's spheres of influence. To-day, each side suspects the other of poaching, or attempting to poach, on its preserves. Only when this mutual suspicion is removed can we hope for anything approaching quietude along the frontiers and a cessation of incidents which might easily develop into a dangerous situation.

through it, unless there is a last-minute reprieve, will walk to his death on Monday

H A U P T M A N N

found guilty of the murder of the Lindbergh baby

Jersey, the famous home of the Lindberghs. Charles Augustus and Anne, and Charles Augustus junior.

A ladder rests against an upper window. A man climbs up that ladder and disappears through the window. He returns with a heavy bundle. The man in cell number nine looks at him closely. "It's not I," he cries. The man vanishes.

Inside the house a pretty Scottish nurse, Betty Gow, goes to look at her charge in that upper room.

"He's gone!" Colonel Lindbergh comes running to his wife. "Anne, they've stolen our baby." A nation is stunned. A nation frantic; police, detectives, soldiers, motor-cars, boats, radio, airplanes. Its hero's son is kidnapped. Questions, endless questions; suspects, endless suspects.

Ransom notes arrive, written in a crude Teuton hand and signed with a mystic symbol.

March the eighth. An elderly, white-haired schoolmaster named Dr. J. F. Condon (who prefers to be called "Jafsie") writes a letter to a New York newspaper. He wants to act as intermediary between Lindbergh and the kidnapers. Response is swift.

Next day he receives a letter written in the same Teuton scrawl, signed with the same mystic symbol.

In a cemetery at night on a lonely bench set among graves, "Jafsie" and a young man with a bad cough are talking.

The young man says he is "John," emissary of the kidnapers. The man in cell number nine looks at him closely. "It's not I," he says again.

"No," he says, with the faint suspicion of a smile. "I got the money from Isidor Fisch before he went away to die. I know nothing of the kidnapping."

Then the Flemington, New Jersey, circus of a trial by jury. Daring evidence of Anne Lindbergh, of the sleeping suit, of Lindbergh; Betty Gow, "Jafsie" Condon, the handwriting experts, wood experts, the ransom money. "He was John." "He wrote the ransom notes." "He made the ladder." "He had the ransom money." "He was the kidnapper."

America's biggest and best show drags on till February the thirteenth, 1935. Three women and nine men stand before their prisoner. "Guilty."

The man in cell number nine straightens his shoulders as he sees himself take it with a smile. A nation rejoices.

In the Death Row in the prison at Trenton, with murderers for friends and the perpetual tramp of guards' feet, there are no trees, no flowers, no sunshine. Just darkness or electric light.

The man in cell number nine watches himself through the months, calm and placid, always saying, "I am innocent."

Months of weary waiting, months of prayer in his newly found religion, occasional deathhouse concerts.

Appeals follow appeals, each is quashed. To the last appeal. "No," say the judges of Flemington. Again the judge sentences him, in the week of January the thirteenth.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus, which would have involved the automatic issue of a reprieve, is rejected.

"That's the end," says one of the defence lawyers.

The new year had brought new hopes. Governor Hoffman seemed to be friendly. America seemed to be willing to wait for its vengeance until it was sure. Colonel Lindbergh sails to England, and a new fury stirs on a shamed people.

Rumours of last-minute efforts of lawyers and friends; hope again—and then despair again.

On Monday—unless the Governor intervenes—he walks through that little yellow door. He sits in a square-built chair—rather like the crude throne of an ancient Scottish king. Straps are fastened to his wrists and feet. A surly fured man walks towards the switch. There is a whirr. The man in the chair is thrust forward, but his straps hold him. He is still. The end of a chapter.

C.V.R. Thompson

P.L.L. DRAW A CHEQUE

Few people realise the immensity of the services rendered by the big banks of the country to the public. A man signs a cheque to pay his bill and thinks little more of it. It must be obvious to many that a bank must receive many hundreds of cheques drawn on widely different parts of the country and also on distant parts of the world.

Prior to the year 1775 there were few banks as we now know them; the ones existing were private banks or merchant bankers as they were styled, and they had much closer dealings in the actual commodities of trade than is the custom to-day. For example, the British Linen Bank in Scotland was established to assist the financing of the linen trade in our country.

With few banks in the country and still fewer branches, the collection of cheques was a simple matter, as the clerks had little difficulty in going from bank to bank and presenting cheques, which they held for cash. With the steady increase of banking, and the use of cheques by nearly all classes of society, some system of cheque clearance was imperative, as it is now impossible for clerks to collect vouchers on the thousands of branches that are scattered over the country.

The first clearing-house was established in London in 1775. Although a novelty in banking, the idea was not new, as there are records of great fairs or exchanges having been held in the market places of large Continental cities. France and Italy set up international clearing-houses to facilitate the collection of credit documents from far distant lands.

It will be clear that some banks will hand over a larger total in cheques than they receive, so some method of settling these balances had to be instituted. So a settling bank is usually appointed each month to deal with the adjustments.

The work of the clearing-house runs silently and efficiently, every business day dealing in vast totals. In fact, £27,559,731,000 passed through the London clearing-house during 1935. When you consider that this colossal total was negotiated without the passing of an actual coin in hand, one can appreciate the economy and usefulness of the clearing-house.

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PONIES CLASSIFIED

COMMITTEE DOES GOOD WORK

(By "Captain Foster")

The classification list, issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 17, for Australian and China Ponies was published in this paper last week, and to-morrow racing enthusiasts will have the opportunity of seeing some of this year's Subs. and Griffins running against the Old Ponies.

The list is somewhat a lengthy one, there being no fewer than 50 China Ponies in the "D" standard, while in the "C" division the strength is just over two score, and the two classes amounting to exactly 100 ponies. As compared with last year, the figures have dropped considerably, for there were 80 ponies in the "D" and 58 in the "C" class and there were in all 138 ponies.

Undoubtedly the Classification Committee must have done some great difficulty in segregating the ponies, and there were, as usual, some doubtful owners. It will be recalled that the Annual Carnival was held on a heavy and muddy course, and the state of the going was, without any fear of contradiction, responsible for several reversals of fortune. Under the circumstances, the Classification Committee could not have done their work better, and the segregation was, to my mind, done with cognizance to the forms displayed at the annual race meeting.

PROMOTED AND DEMOTED

The last classification list was issued on December 1935, and it is interesting to note the promotion of four ponies, namely:

Jungle Jim from C to B
Soldier of China "C" to B
Tidy Star "D" to C
Young Chap "D" to C
The following ponies were demoted:

Cavalade from C to D
Foxbridge "C" to D
King's Justice "C" to B
Night View "C" to D
Ribbon "B" to C
Soldier of Germany "B" to C
Soldier of Victory "B" to C
Honeycomb Eve, the winner of the Hongkong Derby, and King's Lead, who lost the coveted Blue Ribband through boring-in, are in the "B" class while Rose Evelyn, "Miss Champion" of the Carnival is in the "C" standard, together with the disappointed Royal Scot.

OPENING EVENT

Laughing Girl To Win

There are the usual nine races on the race Card to-morrow and the opening event, the Colonial Stakes over a mile has drawn only six entries. I don't think that we have to go very far to look for the winner and Laughing Girl should have no trouble in presenting her card to the Judges. I figure that Tyne is dangerous and may turn the tables. His best run was in the Black Rock Stakes at the annual race meeting when he finished third to King's Sceptre and Royal Consort, but I firmly believe that the going was not to his liking and it may be of interest to know that to-morrow Tyne has an allowance of 5 lbs. Silver-Smith who was on the sick list for a while, is now O.K., and is certainly worth 55 each way.

ROSEHILL PLATE

Promise of Very Good Race

The Rosehill Plate over six furlongs for non-winning Australian Ponies of this season should produce a good race between Honey, Violet Queen and Zodiac, and the first named pony has the reputation of being a sprinter. We must not overlook Gold Dragon, who is now owned by Mr. Proulx, but I am afraid that Ranger, belonging to Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster, may find the distance too short.

By virtue of not earning any stake-money at the annual meeting, Honey has an allowance of 5 lbs. and this should bring her to the limelight. Brutus has no book-form to show, but last Saturday morning he was given a trial spin over the distance and he covered the circuit in 1.27.1/5, romping home in 23.2/5 seconds. It must be admitted that the gallop was not a bad performance and with an allowance of 5 lbs. coupled with Mr. Proulx at the wheel, this Bay gelding has every prospect of upsetting the apple-cart.

CIVIL SERVICE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A tennis tournament will be held at the Civil Service Cricket Club on Sunday next, March 29, starting at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Members are asked to support this event.

VERY OPEN RACE

Mirs Bay Handicap Prospects

The gentlemen in charge of handling out the poundage has not lost sight of the successes of Cossack's Beauty and King's Warden at the Annual Carnival and these two ponies together with Soldier of Britain are all at the top of the ladder in the Mirs Bay Handicap from the two mile post, once round and in. Gladina, who was beaten by King's Warden by half-length at the last Meeting receives an allowance of only 2 lbs. and this makes the race very open.

It is learned that Diana Bay will weigh out to-morrow and she has been allotted weight for inches. Her last outing was in the Champion Stakes run on February 20, 1936, in which she pulled up lame. Diana Bay started her racing career in 1930. She has to her credit 18 wins with four seconds and earned \$29,000, in stakes to pay for her upkeep. It was in 1933 that the grey mare met her first Waterloo in a handicap under Mr. Neola in the New Stables Plate. In the following year she was defeated three times and last year was the first occasion to see her among the "A" class. However, she is not the same Diana Bay and she will have to strike her best form if she intends to be among the placed ponies.

Herod has been kindly treated in the matter of poundage and is dangerous with a novice in the saddle on account of the 5 lbs. jockey allowance. On a hard going, Soldier of Britain is hard to beat.

THE MAIN EVENT

Should Be Best of The Afternoon

The main event of the Meeting will be the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap over the Champion course for Sub-Griffins of any season and this will be the best race of the afternoon. A good field is assured and spotting the winner is not easy. Winner is to receive \$500, second \$250, and the third prize \$150. Since the inception of this event in 1934, the race was twice won by the Sub-Griffin of the current year. It will undoubtedly be of interest to know that both the winners of 1934 and 1935 of this class, namely, Copper Idol and Wadebridge will line up to-morrow and these two public idols require no further introduction. In 1934 Copper Idol paid \$177 for a win and the latter pony handed out last year \$255.10 in the delight of the successful backers out of a total of 1,700 tickets sold. Copper Idol had the pleasure of trouncing some best old stagers such as Warrington, Bistre, Partnership and Racing Boy and he did not have very much a pull in the matter of weight.

Wadebridge gave Bistre an awful beating last year by four lengths and I wonder whether any Subs. of this year will be able to repeat the performances of these two warriors.

Of the 18 entries, there are five

sub-griffins of this season, namely, Mountain View and Rose Evelyn and I sincerely hope that I am not exaggerating in saying that any of this bunch can do the hat-trick. There is no denying that Rose Evelyn won all her races at the "Annual" in easy fashion and to-morrow we should be able to size her up against the Old Subs. The handicapper has ranked her 7 lbs. over the weight for inches and this speaks very highly of her energy and speed as against 10 lbs. penalty imposed on Bistre and Tiny Star.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Gold Sovereign, who finished third to Wild Cat and Rose Evelyn in the Tytam Handicap "A" division is nicely in with only 148 lbs. but I hear he is going to start in the Union Plate over six furlongs which race is confined to non-winning Sub-Griffins of this season. Mountain View, the winner of Governor's Cup, is set to carry weight for inches and will be ridden by a novice who is going to claim 5 lbs. allowance.

The manner in which Young Chap beat Bistre by 1 1/2 lengths in the Northern Stakes at the annual meeting, was so convincing that he has been allotted 164 lbs. and Warrington has to weigh out at 160 lbs. Double Chance, Lucky Strike and Valley View have been fairly treated and the last named pony seems to be in good condition. Every pony has a good chance to win.

PROBABLE STARTERS

The following are the probable starters and jockeys:

Balloo (Mr. Harris)
Bistre (Mr. S. N. Pan)
Copper Idol (Mr. Tang Man Wa)
Emergence Call (?)
Lucky Strike (Mr. Ip Kwi Ying)
Mountain View (Mr. W. H. Choy)
Racing Boy (Mr. D. Black)
Rose Evelyn (Mr. Dietz)
Seventeenth of September (Mr. Dietz)
Tiny Star (?)
Valley View (Mr. S. Y. Liang)
Wadebridge (Mr. G. Roza)
Young Chap (Mr. H. C. Pih)

COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP

First Leg of the Daily Double

The first leg of the Daily Double is on the Commonwealth Handicap for "C" Class over a mile to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time, and here is another conundrum to find the winner.

There is always a lot of amusement and fun in the novice event but the inclusion of Ribble, Soldier of Germany and Soldier of Victory, who were only demoted last week from the "B" standard, gives me a terrible headache. I am trying to solve the problem. We should see a good race and the following ponies will weigh out.

Boat Bay (Mr. Choy Wing-chiu)
Donovan (Mr. Poy)
Flybynight (Mr. Harris)
Great Hall (Mr. K. M. Fung)
High Honour (Mr. H. Bateloh)
High Speed (?)
King's Sceptre (Mr. C. Taylor)
Mayflower (Mr. C. F. Chiu)
Mersey (Mr. Yuen Wing-kwai)
Pride of Tientsin (?)
Ribble (Mr. R. M. Wood)
Royal Hints (Mr. Pearce)
Soldier of Germany (?)
Soldier of Peace (Mr. F. Li)
Valorous (Mr. S. L. Yuen)
What a Chance (Mr. K. I. Ip)
Zero (Mr. H. Browning)

I understand that there may be a possibility of Soldier of Peace not starting, owing to frog trouble in the near fore-leg and if he does not accept, Mr. Li will probably take out High Speed.

I have not heard who is going to ride Pride of Tientsin, and Soldier of Germany, who is in the pink of form.

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THIS EVENING'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Season Drawing To Close

Fire Brigade have already completed their mixed doubles league badminton programme and Kwoloon Tong follow suit this evening when they meet St. Andrew's in their last match of the season.

Two other matches are also being played which will bring Recreo "B" total to 15, C.R.C. total to 15, St. Andrew's to 14, Talkoo to 11, and Sailors and Soldiers Home to 14. Chinese Recreation Club, St. Andrew's and Recreo "B" are almost certain winners this evening. The match between St. John's and Recreo "A" will be played later as the re-arranged men's doubles between St. John's and Elliot Hall "A" is being decided this evening.

MIXED DOUBLES

Talkoo v. Chinese R.C.
St. Andrew's v. Kwoloon Tong
Recreo "B" v. B. and S. Home

MEN'S DOUBLES

St. John's v. Elliot Hall "A"

R. Abbit's Cricket Notes To-morrow

R. Abbit's cricket notes, which appear regularly in the Telegraph each Friday, are unavoidably held over until to-morrow. They will be of special interest, as they include an analysis of the prospects for to-morrow's league championship deciding match between University and Kwoloon Cricket Club. The notes will also deal fully with the coming week-end cricket.

TIO NOT TO PLAY

AGAINST POLICE

S. CHINA'S FULL SHIELD TEAM

(By "Veritas")

Tio Hing-win, the Dutch East Indies footballer, will not play for South China "A" against Police in their important league match at Kwoloon to-morrow. He is being rested for the International Charity Cup final on Sunday. South China will revert to their Senior Shield final line-up, namely:

Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Lau Jing-shui, Leung Wing-chiu and Lee Kwok-wai; Lee Kwai-shing, Pung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Ip Pak-wa and Tay Quai-liang.

With all due respect to Tio this is probably the best team South China can field as it is a team of understanding, one which has learnt to co-ordinate in all departments and is without a weakness.

Police too will not be sorry to meet the same team as they have probably profited by their Shield final experience and will be better able to anticipate the forward line movement. They may also have discovered that in order to score goals against such a sound defence they must concentrate on "down-the-middle" passes to Johnson, who can turn such passes to good account almost as well as can Lee Wai-tong.

MOSS RETURNING

Against S. China To-morrow

Police expect but one change from the Senior Shield team. It is hoped Moss will return to the left wing to the exclusion of "Britannia," in which case the line-up will be:

McLennan; Blackburn and C. Piles; North; Gough and Parker; T. Pile, Stevens, Johnson, Brooks and Moss. Playing on the Railway Ground is likely to benefit Police. South China's terrible defence has been a real problem. We should see a good race and the following ponies will weigh out.

Further, they will have to play better than they did against the Navy if they wish to win. The most likely outcome is a draw, but if Police obtain an early lead then 1, for one, expect them to win.

Cambridge Full Course Trial Is Faster

London, Mar. 26.

Cambridge University boat race crew accomplished their full course trial to-day eleven seconds faster than Oxford's row yesterday.

Taken on the flood tide the trial was completed in 18 minutes 48 seconds, which was afterwards stated to be "satisfactory."

They stroked an average of 35 to the minute, finishing with a burst of 40.—*Reuter.*

Meeting of Referees Association

The half monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association Sports Club, third floor, King's Building, on Monday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

THREE TEAMS IN RUNNING

Police Well Placed

(By "Veritas")

A month ago any bookmaker would have been prepared to offer odds of 10 to 1 on against South China "A" winning the first division championship. The same bookmaker to-day would not quote less than evens. A remarkable change has been effected in the relative league records of the leading first division teams during this period. South China "A" have lost a series of matches, while their nearest rivals, have been persistently piling on the points.

To-day the position is that, ignoring those future games in which the results appear to be very doubtful, Police have a better chance than either South China "A" or the Athletic of winning the league. Police have eight outstanding matches as compared with South China's nine and Athletic's eleven. Of these Police can confidently expect to win six, as can South China, while Athletic would appear to be safe for another seven victories.

Sandwiched between these matches, Police have to meet South China "A", Athletic and Recreo, while South China, in addition to their Police engagement have to play Athletic and Recreo. Athletic's fourth difficult tie is against the Club.

It will thus be seen that these three teams can cut each other's throats, while Recreo may be instrumental in deciding which of them shall win the title.

SIGNIFICANT MATCH

It is also clear that to-morrow's match between Police and South China "A" is of tremendous significance, and if there is a definite result, the winners must find those two points sufficient to give them the championship.

There is a long way to go before the end of the season, but on current form indications are the championship will rest between Police, South China "A" and Athletic. Fusiliers, South China "B" and Club have outside chances, but they are very slender.

Athletic and Police appear to be faced with somewhat stiffer programmes than South China "A". Police, for instance, have to meet Recreo, recent winners of the championship, as well as South China "B", Recreo and Athletic.

Athletic have the Club, Royal Ulster Rifles, Fusiliers, Recreo and South China "B" in addition to their engagements with Police and South China "A".

South China "A", over and above their games with Police and Athletic have to face Royal Ulster Rifles, Fusiliers, Recreo and South China "B", although the last-named match should hold no terrors for them.

So far as I have been able to check up from the records the following are the engagements confronting these three teams.

POLICE

To play: Navy, South China "A", St. Joseph's, Athletic, Kwoloon, East Lancs, Recreo and S. China "B".

SOUTH CHINA "A"

To play: Police, Royal Ulster Rifles, Royal Welch Fusiliers, St. Joseph's, Athletic, East Lancs, Recreo, South China "B" and R.A. Stonecutters.

ATHLETIC

To play: Club, Rifles, South China "A", Police, Fusiliers, St. Joseph's, R.A. Lyemum, East Lancs, Recreo, South China "A", and R.A. Stonecutters.

S. CHINA "B" CHANGES

LEE KAM IS NOT PLAYING

South China "B" will make positional changes in the defence for their league match to-morrow against Royal Artillery, Stonecutters. Lee Kam is not playing and Leung In-chun is put in the half back line. The composition of the attack has not been finally settled and will be chosen from Ng Ng-po, Yeung Shui-choi, Ho Ka-keung, Ng Po-kui, Lai Shui-wing and Cheuk Shek-kam.

The team will therefore be selected from:

Pau Ka-ping; Yeung Chi-cheung and Yu Hing-yuen; Leung In-chun; Lam Tak-po and H. Young; Ip Ng-po; Yeung Shui-choi; Ho Ka-keung; Cheuk Shek-kam and Lai Shui-wing.

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16 PAIRS OF EYES WILL BE FOCUSED ON THESE



The handsome open doubles tennis championship challenge cups, for which eight pairs will enter into competition on the stand court at the H.K.C.C. next week. (Photo: S. A. Rumjahn).

TSUI YUN-PUY'S FINE BACKHAND

MAKES SUCCESS POSSIBLE IN OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

YESTERDAY'S IMPROVED DISPLAYS

(By "Veritas")

Tsui Yun-pui appears to have reached that stage experienced by most tennis players when, in an effort to strengthen a weakness in one department, he has sacrificed the potency of another. Thus yesterday against Lu Tak-cheuk his forehand, hitherto a brilliant stroke, was irregular and inaccurate, while on the backhand, previously most vulnerable, he revealed marked skill and consistency.

Lu Tak-cheuk apparently considered Tsui's earlier successes on the backhand were but flashes of brilliance not to be repeated, and he continued to concentrate his chief attacking shots to this corner. But Tsui always had the right return, sometimes a fine passing shot straight down the lines, or a neat half court chop which sent the ball across Lu's body as he rushed in to the net.

Against this Tsui took two whole sets to bring his forehead into anything like proper functioning, and if he had hampered away at this hand, he might have finished a winner instead of a loser.

SOME OF THE BEST YET

This match produced some of the best singles tennis to date in the championship. Both players delighted with some excellent stroke play. Lu was the more aggressive player, but his tactics reacted upon him when he endeavoured to rush the net on ordinary drives which Tsui was able to put away with ease.

Tsui appeared to need at least two sets to get the "feel" of the court, the balls, and his own strokes. The cause of this he was strictly on the defensive for the major part of the match. But it was a paying game for it permitted him to open out halfway through the crucial final set when Lu was getting rather leg weary and out of breath.

I have never seen Lu play better tennis. He was easily the better player in the first set which he deservedly won at 6-4. During this time he had Tsui running all over the place and usually scored at his point by volleying with Tsui hopelessly out-positioned.

Tsui improved in the second set, finding gaps in Lu's defence by means of hard driving and an occasional net excursion. He took the set easily, but did not have the expected run-away in the final stanza. Lu regained much of his lost confidence and held Tsui up to three-all, these six games being full of entertaining tennis with players raiding the forecourt in turn. Thereafter Lu, presumably in an effort to rush Tsui out of his well timed stroking, took the net at the slightest opportunity; but Tsui tightened up on his ground strokes and found he could pass his opponent with almost anything. He went to his match points, with a series of excellent backhand drives and a good volley here and there.

WELL NIGH PERFECT

Lai Kwong-tsun and Paul Kong played well nigh perfect tennis to beat S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok in the doubles. The winners played well within their powers, but everything they attempted came off. Kong volleyed in a most polished manner while Lai drove faultlessly, for fourteen games.

The Le brothers enjoyed quite a little triumph. Losing the first three games to Gosano and Remedios, of whom big things have been expected, the Le combination proceeded to outwit the youthful Portuguese couple and to beat them in straight sets, more by tactics than anything else.

M. K. Lo proceeded to toss the balls high into the air and had Gosano making all sorts of mistakes while M. W. Lo quickly realised that the opposition was cracking up, went

up to the net to cut off weak returns. Gosano and Remedios could not recover from the shock of seeing their three games lead wiped out and the Lo's won the first set at 6-4, and although the second set went to 14 games the Lo brothers always looked good for the set.

Full results of yesterday's matches were:

Open Singles—Tsui Yun-pui beat Lu Tak-cheuk 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Open Doubles—M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios 6-4, 8-6; Paul Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 6-1, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS MATCHES

Two matches of no little interest are due to be played this afternoon in the tennis championships. J. W. Leonard and Lai Kwong-tsun meet in the third round—of the singles, while L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce, highly regarded in some quarters, play their first match together in the open doubles, being opposed to Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam.

Leonard will probably find Lu too fast for him although the Craigen-gower player is certain to put up a good show and may easily force the issue to three sets.

If Lu Tak-cheuk plays as well as he did yesterday and his brother is also up to par I think they will beat Goldman and Pearce. Whatever the result it will be surprising if the match does not go the full distance.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following matches have been arranged for to-day:

Open Singles—Lai Kwong-tsun v. J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. J. Choa.

Open Doubles—T. A. Pearce and L. Goldman v. Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam.

Club Handicap Singles—J. N. Grange v. E. F. Buttress.
Club Handicap Doubles—B. O. M. Deane and G. E. R. Divett v. R. M. Wood and G. Polignac; J. Thomson and M. Pagh v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer.

LUM, KHO AND CHOY

MAY PLAY HERE TO-MORROW

If Gordon Lum and Kho Sin-kie are agreeable, they together with W. C. Choy, who is already back in Hongkong, will appear in exhibition tennis matches at the Hongkong Cricket Club to-morrow (Saturday) morning, starting at 11.30.

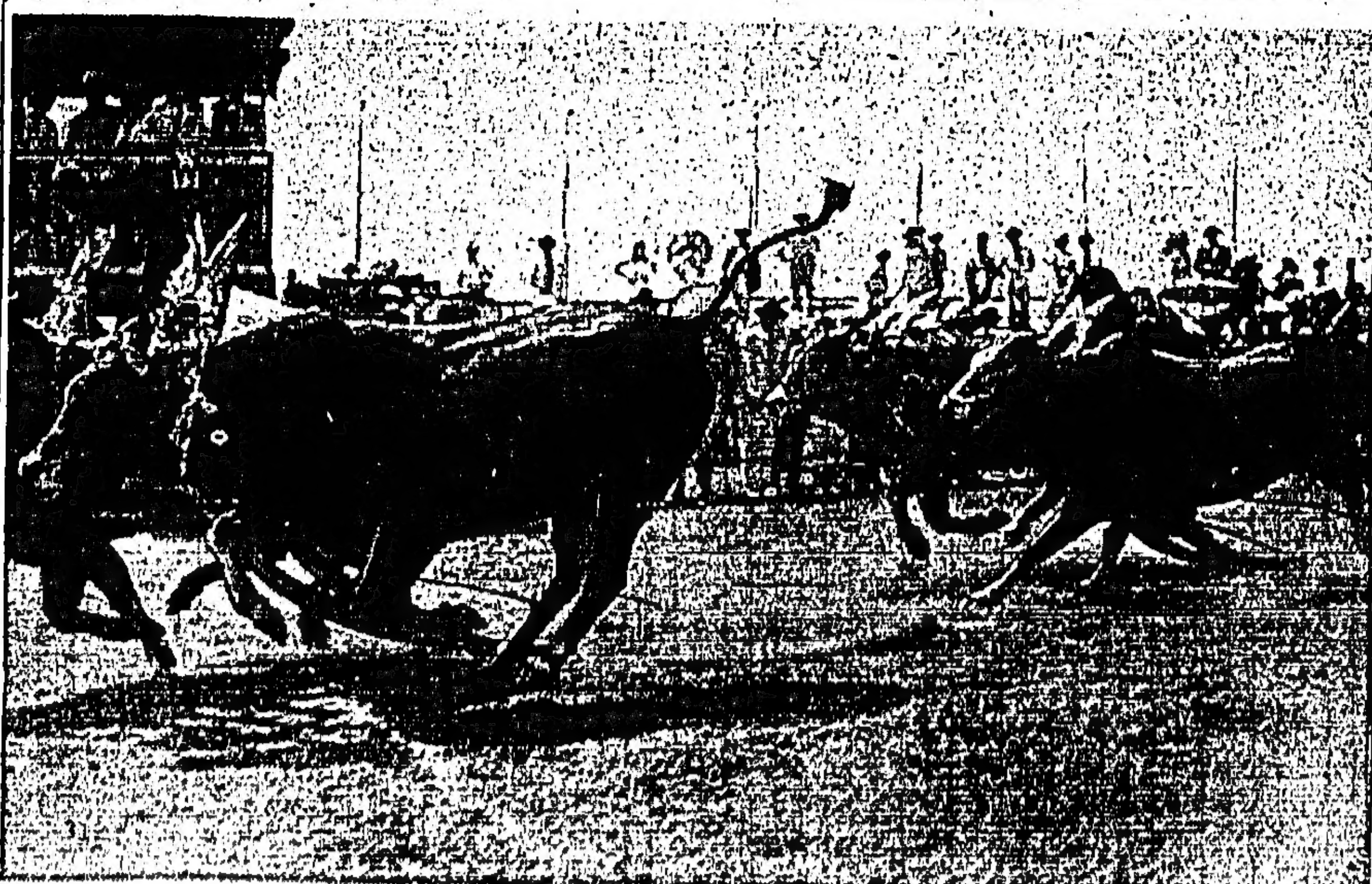
Lum and Kho, en route to Europe are due to arrive here by the M. V. Victoria to-morrow, and the Hongkong L.T.A. has cabled them a request that they should give exhibitions before leaving the Colony. No reply has yet been received, but the L.T.A. has drafted out the following provisional programme.

11.30 a.m. Lum and Kho v. W.C. Choy and Tsui Wai-pui.
Choy and Tsui Wai-pui v. Kho v. W.C. Choy.
Admission will be one dollar to the stand and 60 cents standing.

THIS MORNING'S RACING GALLOPS AT VALLEY

PONIES STRIKE GOOD FORM FOR TO-MORROW

	Distance	1st. Qr.	2nd. Qr.	Last Qr.
Macaroni	1/4	31		31
Scholar of China	1/4	29.2		29.2
Ribbles	1/4	34.3	1.05.4	31.1
Electron	1/4	31	58.4	27.4
Derby Day	1/4	30.2		30.2
Diana Day	1/4	33.1	1.04.3	31.2
Pontine Bay	1/4	33.2	1.05.3	32.1
Honey	1/4	27		27
Double Chance	1/4	33.3	1.06.1	32.3
Mistake Bay	1/4	33.1	1.03.3	30.2
Ranger	1/4	28.2	55	26.3
What a Chance	1/4	31.1	1.02.1	31
Snowy River	1/4	37.1	1.07	20.4
Valorous	1/4	33.3	1.03	29.2
Laughing Girl	1/4	37.4	1.08.1	30.2
Jackie Strike	1/4	29.3		29.3
King's Warden	1/4	31	58.1	27.1
King's Sceptre	1/4	31	58.1	27.1
The Dorian	1/4	33.2	1.03	32
Vixen Tor	1/4	32	58.4	26.4
Strathroy	1/4	29.1		29.1
King's Jubilee	1/4	28.4		28.4
Seppie	1/4	34	1.05	31
Enry	1/4	36.1	1.07	30.4
Cassius	1/4	36.1	1.07	30.4
Brutus	1/4	29.2		29.2
Valley View	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Ocean View	1/4	30.4	1.01	30.1
Wanderer	1/4	31.4	1.01.3	29.1
Shooting Star	1/4	34.1	1.01.1	27
Pride of Tashiro	1/4	35.1	1.06.4	31.3
King's Bounty	1/4	31.2	1.01.2	30
Strathroy	1/4	32.4	1.04.1	31.2
Shamrock	1/4	32.4	1.04.1	31.2
Cooney Hill	1/4	30.1		30.1
Rugby Star	1/4	33.3	1.04	30.2
Rose Evelyn	1/4	33.2		33.2
Heriot	1/4	37	1.08.1	31.1
Mayflower	1/4	31.4		31.4
Great Hall	1/4	29.4		29.4
Philanderer	1/4	29.4	1.02	32.1
Amberley	1/4	28.4		28.4
Plain View	1/4	31.3	1.03	31.2
Belmont Star	1/4	32	1.03.3	31.3
Tinsmith	1/4	27.3	55	27.2
High Honour	1/4	28.2		28.2
Rose Queen	1/4	31.1	1.04	29.1
Milo	1/4	33	1.04.1	31.1
Paymaster	1/4	34.2	1.06	31.3
Burroughs	1/4	34.2	1.06	31.3
Gold Sovereign	1/4	34.3	1.04	29.2
Illustrious	1/4	34.3	1.04	29.2
17th of September	1/4	34.3	1.04.3	29.2
Royal Highness	1/4	30.2		30.2
Blue Ribbon	1/4	32.4		32.4
Febridge	1/4	32.4		32.4
Donovan	1/4	35.2	1.05.2	30
Italian	1/4	35.2	1.05.2	30
Rousseau	1/4	33.2	1.02.4	29.2
Racing Boy	1/4	32	1.02	30
Judea	1/4	30.1		30.1
Zodiac	1/4	31.1	58.1	27
Hopscotch	1/4	31.3		31.3
Tiny Star	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Old Star	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Miracle	1/4	33.1	1.03	30.1
Emergence Call	1/4	34.4	1.05.2	30.2
Mersey	1/4	33	1.02.3	30
Young Chap	1/4	33	1.02.3	30



CATTLE RACING—On the island Madoera, near Java, the native arrange every year cattle races where the driver is standing on a kind of "carriage" or frame-work which is between the decorated animals.

FRANCE FACING UP TO DAVIS CUP PROBLEM

FORTUNATE THIS YEAR IN THE DRAW

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD UP TEAM

Paris. With the Davis Cup season soon to blossom forth, French tennis officials are beginning to be preoccupied by the composition of this year's team.

Only a few years ago, the French had no need to worry about such problems. France then had her "Four Musketeers" to draw upon and her only problem was the designation of the four players for the singles and doubles roles. Even when Rene Lacoste took sick and was obliged to withdraw, the problem became even less complicated for the famous combination divided up the matches among themselves.

Now all that has changed. Each time Davis Cup season approaches, the officials have to go into a huddle to decide on the new lineup. This year the problem is more complicated and consequently there will be a longer huddle than usual.

Last year, France's Davis Cup team consisted of Paul Christian Bousquet and ecky Andre Merlon in the singles and the colourful veteran Jean Borotra and left-handed Marcel Bernard in the doubles. On that occasion France's hopes were killed off in quick and painless fashion. She had the misfortune to draw Australia as a first round opponent.

Fortune smiled upon France in the draw this year. She drew China in the first round and the victor of the Monaco-Switzerland meeting in the second, thus practically assuring the Gauls of opposing Czechoslovakia in the European semi-finals.

France's team has not yet been selected, nor will there be any rush to appoint a permanent official team from the beginning. Weak first and second round opponents will give the French plenty of opportunity to experiment before selecting the strongest possible team to confront the Czechs.

The squad will probably consist of Bousquet, Borotra, Bernard and a group of young hopes headed by 19-year-old Bernard Destremont and Jacques Jamin. Merlon is already spoken of in the past tense and most likely will not be included in the squad.

THE ONLY CERTAINTIES
Bousquet and Borotra are the only two players sure of their places and they will form the nucleus of the new team. Top ranking Bousquet

will get one of the singles roles while the second one may be filled by one of two players. Bernard, who ranks right behind Bousquet, or Destremont, who stands head and shoulders over all the other players of France.

On a good day, Bernard is one of the best players in the world but he is not reliable and little is to be expected of him when the stakes are high. Because of that fact, Destremont may get the call. Brilliant, steady but very pretentious, Destremont, who wasn't ranked among the first twenty in 1934 and jumped up to fifth last year, is just about ripe for international competition.

He has just completed a most successful indoor season. He lost to Borotra in the final of the French indoor championship and together with the veteran won the doubles title. Losing to Borotra in an indoor final hardly detracts from his reputation for Borotra still ranks among the best in indoor play.

MAY PLAY AGAINST CHINA

Since before many moons, Destremont will be the best player extant in France, and head any French Davis Cup team, coach Lacoste may decide to start him off immediately for proper international seasoning. Playing against China and the second round opponents would do him a world of good.

Last year's doubles team of Borotra and Bernard may again be used. Although this is not the ideal tandem, as the easily discouraged Bernard needs a sturdier and more reliable partner than the brilliant but erratic Borotra, it is the best combination at the present time. Bernard did surprisingly well last year against Australia, showing up better than his veteran partner.

It might be best all around to junk Borotra now instead of next year and give Petra and Pelizza a chance. Any number of combinations are possible. Petra, 21, who is built like Ellsworth Vines, and Pelizza, short and stocky, have done well together. Either could be teamed up with the more experienced Bernard, who might buck up under the responsibility.—United Press.

The Kowloon C.C. second eleven for the match against the University seconds at Kowloon will be as under: G. Lee, F. E. Lawrence, D. B. Lay, R. Baldwin, A. A. Dand, F. A. Broadbridge, W. Mulcahy, R. G. Craig, V. Durling, T. Carr and A. N. Other.

Our Daily Golf Hint

Fling your hands after the ball. Avoid stiffness, over-anxiety, and carelessness. Concentrate. Concentrate.—J. H. Taylor.

BADMINTON

ST. ANDREW'S WIN AGAIN

USEFUL POINTS

St. Andrew's "A" advanced one stage nearer the third prize in the men's doubles badminton league last night when on the Recreation court they beat Recreation "B" by five games to four.

Only Barros and Beltrao showed up with any distinction for the home team. They won all three games. St. Andrew's, better balanced, showed their winning games, E. F. Fincher and Kew obtaining two, R. H. and F. V. Wong winning two and M. Well and A. S. Bliss one.

V.R.C. v. ST. ANDREW'S "B"

Played at St. Andrew's Church Hall, the V.R.C. winning by the odd game in five. Scores: C. Nolasco, de Silva and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) beat L. E. Kirby and P. J. Dawson 2-1; beat S. A. Broadbridge and P. J. A. Hamilton 2-1; beat N.A.E. Mackay and E.H.P. White 2-1.

Fisher and C. C. Pereira (V.R.C.) lost to Kirby and Dawson 0-2; beat Broadbridge and Hamilton 2-1; beat Mackay and White 2-1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Ellet Hall "A"	19	18	1	119	16	36
Recreation "A"	16	15	1	95	22	30
C.R.C.	19	14	5	111	45	28
St. Andrew's "A"	18	4	4	99	62	28
Ellet Hall "B"	17	12	5	83	43	22
Recreation "B"	15	10	5	73	44	20
St. John's	17	8	9	73	80	16
Five Brigade	18	8	10	65	85	16
V.R.C.	17	4	13	47	88	8
Kowloon Tong	21	3	19	49	104	6
St. Andrew's "B"	19	2	17	34	102	2
S. and S. Home	17	1	16	30	134	2

The Oxford and Cambridge Society's annual dinner will be held on April 4, 8.15. This is the date of the Boat Race, and it is hoped that the running commentary on the Race will be broadcast at the dinner.

All About To-morrow's Race Meeting

"Captain Foster" Selects Most Likely Candidates

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condition, will certainly not have any trouble to find a cox.

HIGH SPEED IS BEST BUT—

Of the three ponies from the L. T. F. outfit, High Speed is the best, but, being a moody animal, I prefer to leave him out. There is no doubt a better understanding now between Mr. Poy and Donovan and I expect this pony will turn the tables on Royal Highness who managed to nose him out in the Jockey Cup. But Donovan will find a strong opposition in play tonight, who has a pull of 3 lbs. since they last met and this pony will have the same jockey, Mr. Harris.

King's Sceptre is nicely in with only 150 lbs. and this mare is good for short distance. Royal Scot, who beat Royal Scot in the Lusitania Cup, holds the post of honour with top weight and I am afraid that the "feather-weight" jockey Mr. Choy odd lbs. land, will not be "at home" to ride a strong finish.

Last Wednesday morning Mr. Wood galloped Ribbles over a mile and the journey was covered in good time. It was not possible in any way to find out what weight he was carrying, but the two partners came home in perfect harmony and surely the combination should be worth \$5, each way? Mersey and Valorous will put up a good fight.

THE CALLIOPE HANDICAP

Strathroy Carrying Limit Weight

In the Calliope Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, Strathroy has been asked to carry the limit weight and there should be a fine race between him and Vixen Tor who it will be remembered gave a very disappointing display in the Champion Stakes at the annual meeting. To-morrow Vixen Tor has a pull of 7 lbs. and being a mile event, the mare might just pull through. Shooting Star should get a place.

TAIWAN BAY RACE

Six Ponies—With the Same Weight

There are six ponies, namely, Foxbridge, Glad Eyes, Lemberg, Mirale, Night View and Ythan, all carrying 160 lbs. in the Taiwan Bay Handicap over six furlongs confined to "D" class and I believe that this constitutes a record. The second leg of the "Daily" Double event is on, this event and I don't think that we have to use the book-form to spot the winner. Ythan is very lucky to be here and should have no trouble in making his acquaintance with the judges. Belmont Star may be a source of danger to the above named ponies and Lemberg should be well up at the finish. Foxbridge Eve did not move too well last Wednesday morning, but this public idol has a big fighting heart and can be depended upon to do his stuff.

FOUR ASPIRANTS

"Lan" Stable And the Hungnam Bay Race

The stable "Lan" has four aspirants in the Hungnam Bay Handicap "B" Class and it may not be known that Bright View and Jungle Jim love a muddy course, while Harvest View and Soldier of China prefer the hard going. I have not been able to ascertain the probable starters but there is no doubt Mr. Liang will take out the best charger and your investment on his mount is quite safe.

King's Bounty and Sacko will don new colours and the running of these two will be watched with interest. King's Justice should give a good account of himself with Mr. Harriman up and the stable mate King's Jubilee will be under Mr. Phi.

The Dynasty's representative Hotman has to carry 10 lbs. less than the weight for inches and should the going be firm, he may collect the first prize. Of Mr. Dunbar's string, Mr. Black prefers Alastair Bay and the mount on Pontine Bay has been given to Mr. Choy Wing-chiu who is going to ride with 5 lbs. less than the allotment.

THE FINAL

The finale will be in the Union Plate for non-winning Subs. of this season over six furlongs and I cannot see anything to beat The Gorilla with Gold Sovereign and Ocean View following in the rear.

GRAND NATIONAL

LATEST BETTING CALL-OVER

AND STARTERS

London, Mar. 26. Avenger superseded Reynoldstown as second favourite in the betting for the Grand National at to-night's call-over, the prices being quoted as follows.

11 to 4 Golden Miller (t and o)
6 to 1 Avenger (t and o)
10 to 1 Reynoldstown (t and o)
100 to 9 Castle Irwell (o) 12 to 1 (t)
20 to 1 Keen Blade (t and o)
Double Crossed (t and o)
25 to 1 Delanoise (t and o)
33 to 1 Blue Prince (t and o)
35 to 1 Emancipator (t and o)
40 to 1 Royal Ransome (t and o)
Provoctive (t and o)
Inverable (t and o)
45 to 1 Backthorn (t and o)
50 to 1 Deviant (t and o)
Killot (o)
66 to 1 Persian Sun (t and o)
Crown Prince (t and o)
Ego (t and o)
Bachelor Prince (o)
Mooreland (o)
Uncle Batt (o)
Castle View (o)
Lynton (o)
Red and Gun (o)
100 to 1 Blase (o)
Eva Simon (o)
Poorland (o)
Gell o. Beut (o)
Zag (o)

Delancie's jockey Moloney was injured while riding to-day, and Nicholson will substitute for him in the Grand National.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 28th March, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1936.

REMINDER

Queen's College Athletic Sports.

The Sports will be held to-morrow, Saturday, March 28th, on the Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

Caer Clark Champions V. The Rest

MATCH TO-MORROW

The hockey match between the Central British Association Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Cup competition, and the Rest, will be played at Sookumpoo to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.15 p.m., and not on Sunday morning as previously announced.

Prior to this match the H.K. Ladies Hockey Club, winners of the Braven Cup, will be opposed to the Rest.

A strong team has been selected to represent the Rest against the Caer Clark champions. The side is as follows:—Mrs. J. Lanson (H.K. Ladies); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies) and Miss A. Fowler (Y. Ladies); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss E. Xavier (Club de Recreation); and Mrs. M. Bell (H.K. Ladies); Miss O. Daniel (Y. Ladies); Miss S. Daniel (Y. Ladies); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's); Mrs. M. Read (Y. Ladies) and Miss M. Westcott (Y. Ladies).

Guy's Hospital Defeated

London, March 26. Meeting in a rugby union match to-day, Gloucester beat Guy's Hospital by 27 points to five.—Reuter.

Fulham's Triumph

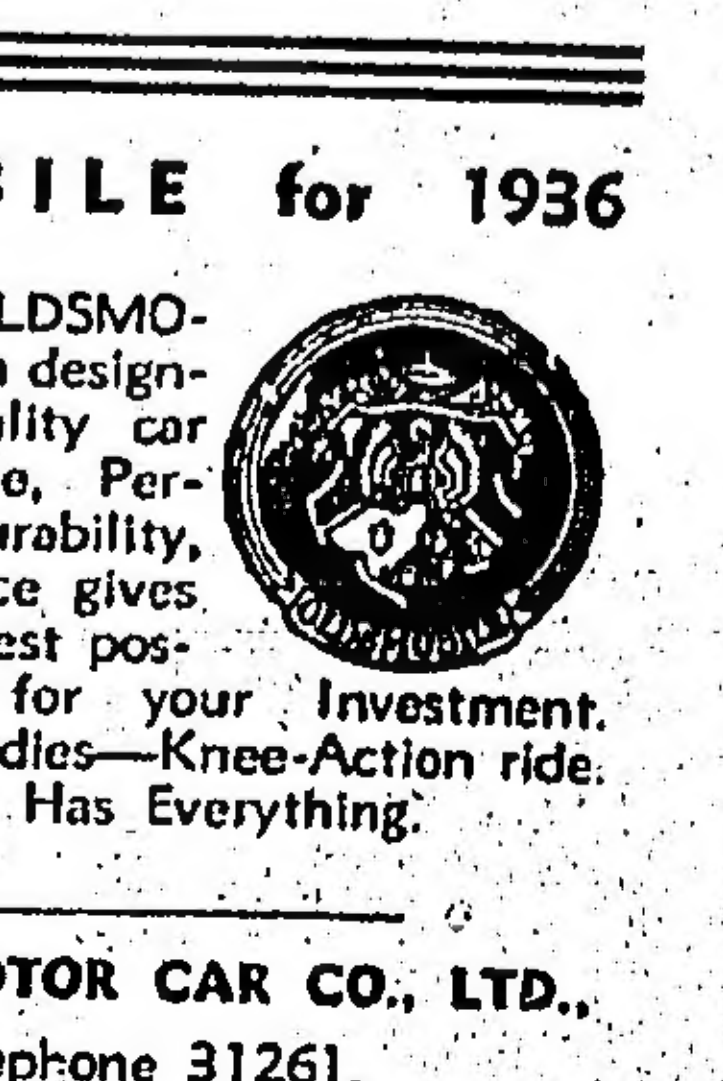
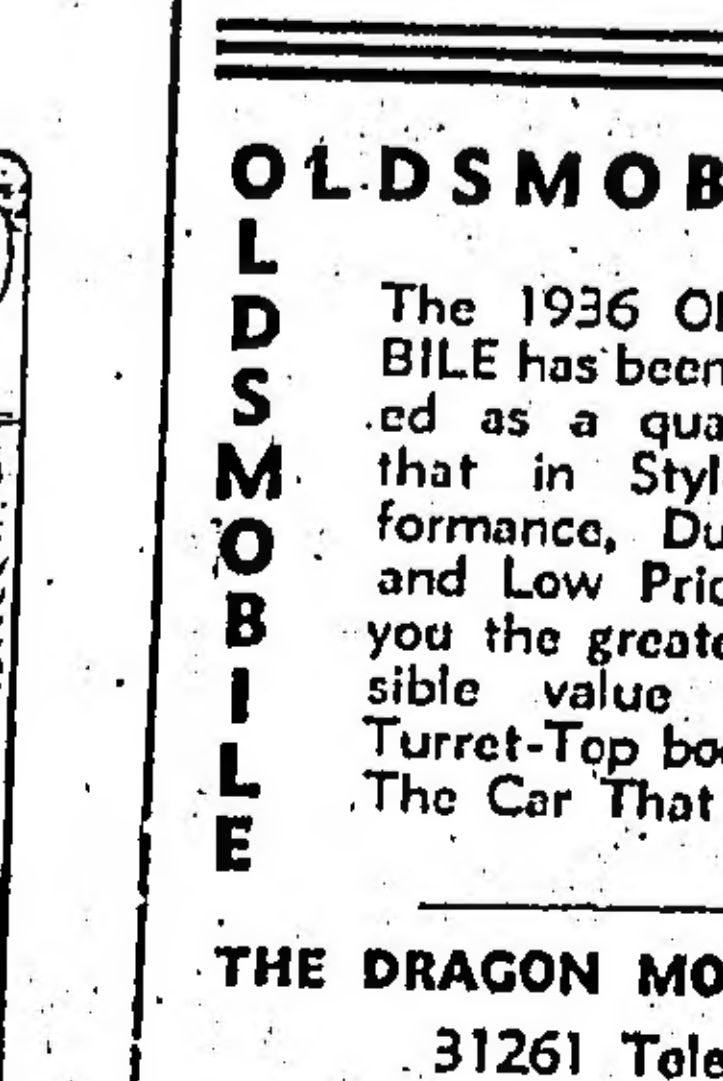
Fulham scored a great triumph to-day when they visited Sheffield United in a second division league football match and won by the only goal scored.—Reuter.

The destination of the Hongkong cricket shield, now in the custody of the Hongkong Cricket Club, will be decided to-morrow afternoon when the Kowloon C.C. and the University meet on the Pokfulam Ground.

The following players will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club:—F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. P. Fincher, A. T. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, F. S. W. Smith, A. W. Ramsey, S. G. Gittins, W. C. Hung, R. Lee and W. L. Mackenzie.

At the conclusion of the matches, Mrs. T. E. Pearson, President of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association, will present the season's trophies.

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THE STORY THUS FAR

Kay Brannan, late of Wellesley, elopes with Bob Dakin, medical doctor. He is drunk, but sober again, is horrified because of Priscilla, his fiancée. Priscilla openly insults Kay so Bob reluctantly consents to Kay's plea that he wait until Spring for a divorce. As the months pass Bob becomes engrossed in his medical work and he and Kay achieve a sort of strained companionship. Priscilla visits Kay one day and Bob drives her home. Hours later he returns from a successful operation highly jubilant. The hospital had located him at Priscilla's. But in the hours of waiting Kay has suffered. She knows now that she loves Bob and that he loves Priscilla. Next day she leaves for Carvel, bidding no one good-bye but Bob's father.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Kay did not announce her homecoming in advance. Once her decision was made, there was no time for a letter, and nothing to be said in a letter that could not be better said first hand. She left no letter of farewell for Bob. It was impossible even to write without self-betrayal. She took the train to Dexter. The better trains ran to Newfield, and a motor bus service would bring her to Carvel from either town; but if she went home by way of Newfield, she must pass through Carvel village to reach Cap'n Somers's place, and she dreaded the recognitions she must face, the speculations her arrival must provoke.

So she chose to come by way of Dexter; and for the last hour of the northward ride she felt. She wandered in wide easy curves within sight of the train, she filled her eyes with the familiar contours of the hills, and the pleasant green of the bright countryside. When she alighted at Dexter, she met no one whom she knew. Even the driver of the bus was a young man she had never seen before. It was, she reflected, more than two years since she went away, and many things might in the interval have changed. Yet she smiled faintly at the thought. Carvel did not change.

The bus rocked along the winding road, lurching around the curves; and suddenly she saw her home, half hidden by encircling trees, ahead. Her eyes filled blindly; but as the bus slowed to drop her at the gate, her heart leaped with a thrilling and incredible happiness; and she alighted smiling. She almost ran across the wide lawn to the side door; and a moment later, weeping like a child, she was in her mother's arms. Kay had an hour alone with her mother, for Will Brannan would not come from the store till supper-time, and Emily was of course at her home, taking care of the baby, preparing supper for George.

For a few minutes after her arrival, Kay was full of worldliness. Her father? He was well, her mother said. "But he's growing older," Mrs. Brannan explained. "I expect you will see a great change in him. You mustn't let him see if you're shocked. He doesn't realize it himself, Kay." "Of course," Kay assured her. "And Emily's fine?" "Fine," Mrs. Brannan agreed. "She's going to have another baby, you know."

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Kay cried: "She is! I didn't know! She hasn't told me. I'll bet George is proud!" "George is a good man," Mrs. Brannan said gently. "He is doing well, Kay."

"And Kay asked about other townfolk. Mrs. Brannan patiently told her all the news. Nancy Towne had come home from Holyoke without finishing her course there. "I think she found it hard to keep up with her studies," Mrs. Brannan explained. "Nancy was always a little unstable. People seem to think she will marry Ethan Frame." Sue Clemons, who said, had left the Post Office and gone to Concord as assistant at the State Library. A political appointment. Lillian Radford was still teaching in the Carvel schools. "She says she's stopped struggling," Mrs. Brannan added, with a little chuckle of mirth. "Lillian's a nice girl. Lots of fun. Emily's very fond of her." Chuck Webster's filling station had become a garage and then an agency for one of the low-priced cars, and he was prospering. Ned Pastor was back in charge of the Power Plant. He was not very well, had had a nervous breakdown. He and George were good friends, and Ned saw a good deal of George and Emily. Charley Radford's shingle mill had burned down, and Charley was dead. "How is Elmer?" Kay prompted, smiling at many memories.

"He's still working for the Company," Mrs. Brannan replied. "You'll find him changed, too." She asked Kay no questions at all; till her long reticence began to be conspicuous and disquieting, and Kay said at last ruefully: "I expect you're wondering how I happened to burst in on you without any warning or anything."

Mrs. Brannan smiled. "I never quarrel with good luck, Kay," she said, with as much affection as she was ever likely to show. "I'm glad to have you here, afraid if I touch you, you'll vanish again. We've missed you!"

"I know," Kay assented. She said thoughtfully: "I should have come home with you. I left college. This is the place for me."

"Places don't matter so much," Mrs. Brannan suggested. "It's what people do in them."

"I've done some wild things," Kay admitted, laughing a little recklessly. "I might as well tell all about it!" "Don't tell me anything you shouldn't," Mrs. Brannan advised. She hesitated for a moment, then said wisely: "I expect there is trouble between you and Bob. But Kay, it's a mistake to tell your family about quarrels with your husband. You forgive him, by and by, but they never do, and it makes for friction later on."

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ANNUAL MEETING

Presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., to-day, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson remarked on the drop in exchange, which had enabled the dividend to be maintained at its present level. Now that local currency was more or less pegged, the Company hoped to proceed more equably and to better able to foresee what lies ahead.

Referring to the 1935 account, Mr. Paterson expressed the hope that the final balance would allow of the same or perhaps an increased distribution to shareholders.

Addressing shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read. It is with much pleasure that your General Manager and Consulting Committee are able once again to place before you what they feel must be a considerable Account for the year 1934, the more so that at one time during the past year, with exchange at over 2/6d. and every prospect of its going even higher, we had very grave misgivings as to what sort of showing our figures would make when expressed in Hongkong dollars, and were faced with the certainty that, unless a fall set in, the dividend could not be maintained at its present level. It is of no consolation to the holder of a "dollar" share to know that his dividend is worth more in sterling, but that would have been the only comfort we should have had.

HARD BLOWS

This Company, and its sister concern, The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., are two of the few local companies which, while trading very largely in sterling and sterling equivalent currencies, accept their figures and pay the dividends in Hongkong dollars and we have had many shrewd blows over the last twenty years, during which period our accounts have been shown at exchanges varying between a high of 4/10d. in 1920 and a low of 1/16d. in 1931. The result, however, with our local currency now more or less pegged, that we can proceed more equably and be better able to foresee what lies ahead of us.

In reviewing the accounts, so much turns on exchange that comparisons are of little or no value though this will not be so in future, if our local dollar remains round about its present sterling value.

The premium income for the year now under review, is the highest we have had, with the exception of that for 1929 when our sterling was converted at 1/16d. The improvement is entirely due to sterling operations, as income from China and local sources shows a serious decline and one which we are unable to check under present conditions of trade in this part of the world.

SOME COMPARISONS

When compared with the year 1933, losses work out at 49.38 per cent. as against 41.42 per cent., charges fall from 43.64 per cent. to 40.44 per cent., the percentage of profit resulting being 10.19 compared with 14.94. While a profit of just over 10 per cent. is satisfactory in these hard times, it does not represent a huge sum on our income and it is the problem of increasing this last, on sound lines, that is our ever constant problem.

The figure of interest has risen from \$399,671.74 to \$477,826.87, this being due almost entirely to our sterling investments, income from local securities having improved by only \$21,760.32, though, I suppose, we should be thankful that it has risen at all.

The balance at credit of Working Account for 1935 is \$763,116.76 an improvement over the carry forward for its predecessor, also after twelve months' working, of \$24,002.75. It would be premature for me to say anything about the final result but we are hopeful this balance will allow of leaving a balance at credit of the same, or perhaps an increased, distribution to shareholders.

The surplus to be dealt with now is \$602,710.82, the balance of Account 1934, and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$11 per share absorbing \$440,000; the appropriation of \$100,000 to Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account and the balance of \$122,910.82 to Reinsurance Fund. You will notice—that we have eliminated the bonus of \$1 per share and included it in the figure of dividend.

"WAIT AND SEE"

It may be thought that some increase might have been made in respect of this year's distribution, but your Board feel that it would be well to wait and see how things go; in 1929 our revenue from interest was over \$530,000 and yet in 1933 it fell to under four lakhs. We do not want to recommend any increase that cannot be maintained.

The reserves continue in a sound position, the only one calling for mention being the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account which shows a fall of \$60,050.14, 10 and \$501,038.72 respectively. This shrinkage is due partly to normal causes, but still more to our drastic writing down of all investments of which we are in any way doubtful; much may be considered as merely precautionary and we are more than hopeful that, sooner or later, the bulk, if not the whole, will come back to us. I trust you will approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries to

Tables Turned On Constable

FINED FOR FALSE TESTIMONY

Discharging a Chinese charged with obstructing an Indian constable, Mr. Balfour, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged the constable under the Magistrates' Ordinance for giving false evidence in the witness box, and imposed a fine of \$30.

The defendant was Chan Cheung, aged 29, unemployed, and he was charged with obstructing P. C. 1842, Noor Mohamed, in Queen's Road Central near Bonham Strand East on March 24. Sub-inspector L. Mist appeared for the prosecution.

At the previous hearing, evidence was given by the constable that he saw two boot-blacks in Queen's Road, and when he went to arrest them, the defendant obstructed him and prevented him from doing so, and he arrested the defendant instead.

Evidence was given this morning by L. Kuen, accountant of the Tai Sing Goldenfield, of Queen's Road Central, who was an eye-witness of the incident. He stated that about 1 p.m. on March 24, a small boy was cleaning shoes outside his shop when an Indian constable approached the boy, caught hold of him by the neck,

DYNAMITE BLAST KILLS 30

Disaster In Mexico City Station

Mexico City, Mar. 26.

A load of dynamite exploded in a railway station near here, the station and surrounding building being destroyed.

The total casualties are not yet known, but it is reported that thirty were killed.

The dynamite was on its way to local mines for blasting purposes.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

squeezed him and struck him. A policeman, whom witness identified as defendant, remonstrated with the constable of his treatment of the youngster, but was told to keep quiet. The constable also struck defendant, and when defendant continued to remonstrate with the constable, the constable hit him to the Central Police Station.

The constable alleged that witness was telling lies and said defendant had sent someone to tell the witness what to say.

Mr. Balfour: Defendant is discharged. I want to charge the constable under the Magistrates' Ordinance for false evidence in the box. It is a very bad case. Wrongful arrest and assault on defendant. The constable should be put on the report. Inspector Mist agreed that it was a bad case. The constable's salary, he added, was between \$25 and \$30 a month, depending on his period of service.

Mr. Balfour then imposed the fine mentioned, and said it could be paid in instalments of \$10 a month.

ing granted to members of the staff who have worked well during the year.

DIFFICULT TIMES

I do not think there is anything further that calls for special mention by me. Business is no less difficult with us than in other lines of commerce; when times are good insured do not worry too much about rates, but in lean times, such as the present, everything is cut to the bone and, unfortunately, there is no resuscitation in respect of insurance rates, which if once down never come back.

After the resolution which I am about to propose has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions the shareholders may wish to ask.

I now propose the following resolution:—"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Dividend of \$11 per share, an addition of \$100,000 to Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, and the transfer of \$122,910.82 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries be adopted and passed."

Sir William Shenton: I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution. The Chairman: Thank you very much, Sir William. I am afraid this is the last time I shall have the pleasure of hearing you do this.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. Fleming: I beg to move that Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Durbar, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson, who are retiring but offer themselves for re-election, be elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. S. H. Ross: I have pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. M. H. Lo: I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. Love, Bingham & Matthews, and Percy Smith. Both & Fleming as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500 each per annum.

Mr. L. Armstrong: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was adopted.

The meeting was then closed.

Those present were Messrs. the Hon. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), C. Bernard Brown, L. Durbar, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, S. T. Williamson (Consulting Committee), E. M. Raymond, M. H. Lo, H. J. Armstrong, Sir William Shenton, J. Fleming, S. H. Ross and M. W. Lo (shareholders).

CANTON'S HUGE CLAIM

SEEKS \$95,000,000 FROM NANKING

MILITARY EXPENSES

London, Mar. 26.

Efforts are again being renewed by the Canton Government and the Canton Chamber of Commerce to recover from the Nanking Government the stupendous sum of over \$95,000,000, which is claimed to be a debt owed to Canton since 1920 when the Kuomintang's Anti-Northern Expedition was organised and started. The money was raised through three big lottery bond issues and several loans to finance the military campaign which resulted in the overthrow of the Northern regime and led to the establishment of the National Government at Nanking.

According to an official estimate the debt totals exactly \$95,260,913.89, representing the Finance Ministry's 1st, 2nd and 3rd Lottery bond issues and the Finance Rehabilitation Bonds amounting to \$22,084,678.25, the Central Bank note issues amounting to \$36,233,942, loans to the Finance Ministry amounting to \$31,030,283.28 and unpaid interest amounting to \$6,910,211.86.

Canton's request is that if no cash is available, the Central Government ought to at least issue to Canton its new Consolidation Bonds in exchange for the old bonds which it issued in Canton prior to the anti-Northern Expedition.

During the past years several attempts have been made to get the Central Government to consider a refunding to Canton, but without results. When the Canton delegates were in Nanking last year attending the Fifth National Congress a renewed petition was cable to Nanking, but it also failed to bring the desired result.

DELEGATION FOR NANKING

The Kwangtung Provincial Assembly after a lengthy discussion on the matter has decided to send a delegation, consisting of five members of the Assembly, to Nanking to press the Finance Ministry to consider steps for repaying the loans to Canton. The delegation is expected to be in Nanking on April 10 and during their stay in the capital they are expected to present a petition to the Central Kuomintang Headquarters and the National Government and to discuss the matter thoroughly with high officials of the Executive Yuan, particularly the Minister of Finance, returning to Canton at the end of April.

It is understood the delegation will ask the Central Authorities to send a cash remittance to Canton, failing which they will suggest as a minimum demand that the Ministry of Finance issue to Canton its new Consolidated Bonds in exchange for the old First, Second and Third Lottery Bonds, as well as the Finance Rehabilitation Bonds and to pay by instalments all the interest in arrear.—Reuter.

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ZEPPELIN RESUMES VOYAGE

REPAIRS EFFECTED TO NEW SHIP

Berlin, Mar. 26.

The airship, Hindenburg, which is undergoing a four-day cruise over Germany, accompanied by the Graf Zeppelin, has resumed her journey. It is officially explained that the trip was interrupted because it was necessary to exchange a part of the airship's technical equipment.

Previously, it was reported that on leaving the ground at Friedrichshafen the Hindenburg was caught by a gust of wind and bumped, causing several parts to be buckled.—Reuter Special.

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London, Mar. 26.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff have received an order from the Union Castle Line for a sister ship to the 25,000-ton passenger motor vessel, Stirling Castle, and for two cargo vessels of 8,000 tons each for the South American Service.—British Wireless.

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PLEADS FOR GERMANY'S HELP IN CRISIS

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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London, Mar. 26.
Great Britain is loyal to her pledge to maintain the security of France and Belgium, but has no military alliance with those countries, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, during the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons this afternoon, where diplomats and members of Parliament hung upon his words with breathless interest. Britain would go to the aid of France and Belgium only if they were the objects of unprovoked aggression, he reiterated.

He appealed to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany to make constructive proposals to the Locarno Powers permitting a peaceful adjustment of the Rhineland differences, the importance of which from the French point of view was not well understood by Britain.

The proposed solution, submitted by the Locarno Powers, allayed the immediate prospect of conflict, but a German contribution was essential to new negotiations. Thus far Herr Hitler had made only one proposal: not to increase the number of troops in the Rhineland. He would not guarantee not to fortify the zone.

Mr. Eden warned that "unless the British public realised the perplexities of the situation, the Government cannot insure peace."

"I should like to say to France: We cannot insure peace unless France is ready to approach with an open mind the problems separating her from Germany."

"And I should like to say to Germany: How can we hope to enter into negotiations with any prospect of success unless you do something to allay the anxieties you have created?"—United Press.

Rhineland Problem

London, March 26.
The House of Commons was packed by members and diplomats to-day when Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, delivered his long-promised statement on foreign affairs.

He intimated that his speech was not addressed abroad, but to the people of Great Britain.

Permanent demilitarisation of the Rhineland, stipulated in the Treaty of Versailles, was a most important element in inducing the French to forego their demand for the separation of the Rhineland from Germany, he declared. The demand for a demilitarised zone figured in the original movement for the protection of the frontier by Germany, who initiated conversations which led to the Locarno Treaty.

Germany, he said, referred to the dictators of Versailles, but nobody ever heard of the dictators of Locarno. If Germany had wished to modify the Locarno pact, negotiations were open to her, Mr. Eden pointed out.

Germany's Claim

The Germans claim that the Franco-Russian pact was inconsistent with the Locarno undertakings and ought to have been settled by the methods stipulated in the treaty. If the Hague Court were available for Franco-German arbitration, the treaty expressly provided that even legal questions could be submitted to the Permanent Conciliation Commission.

Even those persons in Britain who thought Germany had a strong case deprecated the fact that she had chosen to present it by force and not by reason. And British people, he recalled, were not arbiters, but guarantors with definite commitments.

Mr. Eden read Article Four of the Locarno Pact, making the British Government's responsibilities clear.

Honours Signature

"I want, in all bluntness, to say that I am not prepared to be the first British Foreign Secretary to go back on the British signature," the Minister told the House. Loud cheers greeted his pronouncement.

The British objective, he went on, was to seek a peaceful and agreed solution. France said that if withdrawal from the Rhineland could not be otherwise arranged it must be brought about by progressive pressure, beginning with financial and economic sanctions. The British Government did not take that view. The Cabinet thought it was its imperative duty to seek to restore confidence by negotiations.

After many days of anxious, and even critical, negotiations, the White Paper, framing the Locarno Powers proposals, had been produced. He emphasised they had always been proposals, and not an ultimatum.

If the suggestion for an international force to patrol the Rhineland were the difficulty and Germany had some other constructive proposal to replace it, "we would be quite ready to approach the other powers and try to secure an agreement upon it." But without a constructive contribution from Germany the task of starting negotiations would be almost impossible, Mr. Eden declared.

Military Co-operation

Mr. Eden distinguished between the arrangements for General Staff conversations, mentioned in the White Paper, and those before 1914. The question to-day was whether British people were prepared to make arrangements to fulfil their obligations should the need arise.

Attacking the argument that Britain must avoid all European entanglements, Mr. Eden insisted it was of vital interest to Britain that the integrity of France and Belgium should be maintained and that no hostile force should cross their frontiers. The General Staff conversations plan only applied in the case of unprovoked aggression, and he hoped the necessity for such co-operative measures would never arise. But he was confident the necessity was much less likely to arise if Britain made quite clear her position.

He did not regret one of the proposals in the White Paper. The circumstances were as grave as any since the War and few people in Britain realised the immense significance of (Continued on Page 5.)

GERMAN ACTIONS ASSAILED

BRITISH STATESMEN SOUND WARNING

SHALL LAW OR FORCE RULE?

London, Mar. 26.
Mr. David Lloyd George, Britain's war-time Prime Minister and Liberal member of the Opposition, described Chancellor Adolf Hitler's act in marching to the Rhineland as the organisation of a torchlight procession through a powder magazine. He was speaking in the House of Commons to-day.

He followed Dr. Hugh Dalton, Labour, who ridiculed the Locarno Powers' proposals, contained in the recent White Paper, when he spoke for his party.

Opposing a military convention, Mr. Lloyd George dramatically described how in 1914 military arrangements thwarted negotiations and precipitated war. He said that the French view that steps could be taken if an agreement was not reached was absolutely different from the British. But there ought to be no ambiguity about a subject involving the lives of millions of young men.

He asked whether military measures operated upon the failure of negotiations or only in the case of unprovoked aggression. (The Foreign Secretary, in his speech, said that only in the event of aggression would Britain give military aid to France and Belgium.)

FORCE OR LAW?

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that the real issue was whether force or law should prevail. Unless something could be done to restore the confidence in treaties, no new treaties were possible.

There were plenty of reassuring utterances by Herr Hitler, he added, but reassuring acts were lacking. Germany offered peace to Europe for twenty-five years, but Germany was already bound under the Kellogg Pact never to use war as an instrument of policy.

Germany's offer to return to the League was merely a preliminary to the demand for a return of her colonies.

Sir Austen warned against the tendency to glorify war. Germany, he pointed out, said that it was these issues, above mentioned, and not the smelly matters like the demilitarisation of the Rhineland that were at stake.

"Unless we learn our lesson," warned Sir Austen, "we are still marching back to a new 1914."

URGES DEFENSIVE PACTS

Mr. Winston Churchill said the real problem was not the position in the Rhineland, but the re-arming of Germany. He suggested that all States alarmed by the growth of German armaments ought to form pacts of mutual assistance under the Covenant of the League.

No arrangements should be imposed on Germany, said Mr. Churchill, that we were not prepared to impose on ourselves. The inviolability of German soil should be guaranteed, and Germany should be addressed collectively not only on the minor question of the Rhine, but the supreme question of German re-arming. Germany should be invited to state her grievances.

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Labour leader, said Labour agreed that Germany should be invited to participate in the League, but it was useless to think that they could build a stable collective system if it took Germany on a basis of broken faith, without an indication that her next promises would be kept. They should insist that Germany should make a contribution to peace and security.

PUNISHING AGGRESSION

The world had a long way to go before it could rely on the active co-operation of all members of the League of Nations to punish aggression, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of Exchequer, winding up the debate on foreign affairs.

Meanwhile Britain, and other powers, must buttress the League by such arrangements as the Locarno Pact, he said.

Referring to the question of whether the contact of French and British

FOURTEEN KILLED IN AIR CRASH

BIG GERMAN PLANE ON WORLD TOUR

PRINCE AND WIFE DEAD

Mexico City, Mar. 26.
Fourteen people were killed when a tri-motored aeroplane crashed to-day.

Those killed were ten German passengers, including Prince and Princess Schaumburg-Lippe, recently married, the two pilots of the plane, the wireless operator and a technician. The machine had been specially chartered by the Hamburg-American Line for a world tour. It left the city aerodrome en route to Guatemala, and a quarter of an hour later it burst into flames and crashed to earth.

The fourteen victims were burned beyond recognition. Baron von Stieber was also amongst those killed.—*Reuter*.

FOUR DIE IN BRITAIN

London, Mar. 26.
Four men and one woman were killed in the crash of a commercial airliner near Lyndhurst, Hampshire, to-day.—*Reuter*.

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STEAMER TURNS TURTLE

Nine Lives Lost Off Norfolk Coast

London, Mar. 26.
A French steamer, the Boree, of 1,145 tons, turned turtle off the coast of the British Isles near Cromer, Norfolk, in which nine lives are reported to have been lost. The captain and fourteen of the crew were saved.

It is understood that at the time of the accident there was a heavy fog, and that the cause of the mishap was a collision with another steamer, the name of which has not been ascertained.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

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INDEPENDENT STAND

Leipzig, March 26.
"We interpret treaties as we think right, and we do not submit to the judgment of others," declared Herr Adolf Hitler in a speech here to-day.—*Reuter*.

General Staffs involved Britain in an obligation as undertaken, with France, the expulsion of German troops from the Rhineland, he said this was most definitely not the fact.

Germany had made no contribution towards the restoration of confidence, he reminded the House.

"We want a contribution, to convince other countries that Germany is coming to conference with a real desire to reach a satisfactory settlement."

The debate concluded without any vote.—*Reuter*.



Mr. Norman Davis, chief U.S. delegate to the Naval Conference, who states that America provisionally refuses to discuss Pacific fortifications at present, but may do so when Japan is prepared to sign a naval agreement.

NAVAL RACE DANGER

ONLY COOL HEADS CAN AVOID IT

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF FLEETS DISCUSSED

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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London, Mar. 26.
It is revealed that the United States has provisionally declined to discuss the question of Pacific fortifications, since Japan has withdrawn from the agreements which at present bind the powers in this respect. In response to a British interrogation, the United States representative, Mr. Norman Davis, has explained that the question of fortifications ceased to belong to the London naval conference agenda with Japan's withdrawal.

However, it is believed possible that in the event of Japan signing at some time in the future the new three-power naval agreement, the United States may be prepared to discuss the question of Pacific fortifications.—*United Press*.

NO CONVERSATIONS

Washington, Mar. 26.
Department of State officials said to-day that Mr. Norman Davis, America's representative at the London naval talks, had not reported any conversations with the British respecting Pacific fortifications.

However, it is considered probable there were informal feelers put forward which Mr. Davis did not consider it necessary to report upon.

FRONTIER TENSION PERSISTS

TWO STORIES OF HUNCHUNG CLASH

CONFLICTING CLAIMS

(Special To "Telegraph")

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Moscow, Mar. 26.
Severe tension remains on the Russo-Manchukuo frontier following the clashes between Japanese and Russian troops on Wednesday, March 25.

An official despatch from Khabarovsk to-day states that an undetermined number of Japanese troops were killed and wounded in two clashes in Russian territory.

The despatch repeats the earlier messages of yesterday's engagements, relating how seven Japanese crossed the frontier in the first instance near Hunchung, which is actually in Manchukuo, and penetrated 1,800 feet into Soviet territory. These men were fired on by five Russian Frontier Guards, and after thirty minutes of skirmishing, the Japanese retreated, leaving two of their party dead.

A little later the Japanese returned in force, with machine guns. Some fifty men were in this second party, and they opened fire, but again retreated after a lengthy fight. They suffered several casualties, both dead and wounded.

The Russian Ambassador, M. Yurenev, has been instructed to protest immediately.—*Continued on Page 5.*

The State Department said the fortifications question had not been discussed recently between the United States and Japan, and declined to comment on the suggestion that the United States would negotiate at some future date if Japan finally signs the tri-party naval accord.—*United Press*.

Naval Race Danger

London, Mar. 26.
The Naval Powers realise that a world naval race may lie ahead, and that it is only to be avoided by cool heads and astute diplomacy. The new treaty imposes no restrictions regarding the number of ships.

Whether a race materialises or not depends upon the policies of Japan. If Japan is willing to restrict her fleet to approximately the present ratio, dangerous competition may be avoided. But Japan in the past has declared her right to equality, and though she has said she does not intend to exercise this right, the possibility of a change of attitude is always present.

Secondly, the German and Italian naval policies will affect the French and English strength, and Italy, seeing the British Fleet in the Mediterranean and realising the restrictions it puts upon her, may decide to expand.

Largest Fleet in World

The United States enters this danger period when possible expansion may be started overnight. Here the largest fleet in the world, totalling 342 vessels. Britain possesses 303 fighting craft and Japan 212. France owns 200, Italy 182 and Germany 42 war vessels. But the American ships, many of them, are old and out-moded.

Counting only modern craft, the position is somewhat altered. Here Japan is in the ascendancy with 140 warships, the United States has 87, Britain has 140, France 144, Italy 119 and Germany 32.

The United States is re-arming its fleet, and ships are already being ordered or provided for by appropriation to the number of 84. Britain plans (Continued on Page 5.)

ZEPPELIN RESUMES VOYAGE

REPAIRS EFFECTED TO NEW SHIP

Berlin, Mar. 26.
The airship, Hindenburg, which is undergoing a four-day cruise over Germany, accompanied by the Graf Zeppelin, has resumed her journey.

It is officially explained that the trip was interrupted because it was necessary to exchange a part of the airship's technical equipment.

Previously, it was reported that on leaving the ground at Friedrichshafen the Hindenburg was caught by a gust of wind and bumped, causing several parts to be buckled.—*Reuter Special*.

DYNAMITE BLAST KILLS 30

Disaster In Mexico City Station

Mexico City, Mar. 26.
A load of dynamite exploded in a railway station near here, the station and surrounding building being destroyed.

The total casualties are not yet known, but it is reported that thirty were killed.

The dynamite was on its way to local mines for blasting purposes.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

RED INVASION CHECKED

Nanking, March 27.
Reports that Hunan and Szechwan in South Shansi, have been captured by the Reds are denied in authoritative quarters here.

A responsible spokesman declared that four divisions of Central Government troops have arrived at Linshih, north of Hanchung. He added that the Government could now adequately cope with the situation.—*Reuter*.

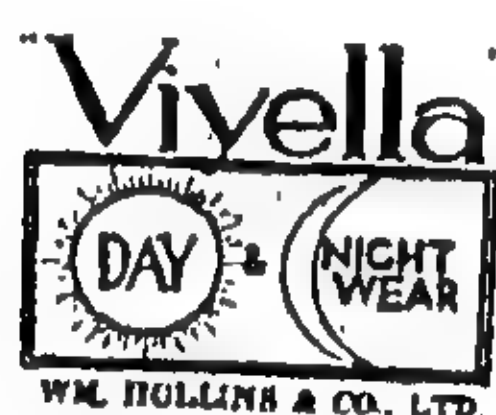
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Abyssinia War Has Cost Britain £7,000,000

ON VISIT TO HONGKONG

NAVY, ARMY, R.A.F., PRESENT 'SPECIAL MEASURES' BILL

War in Abyssinia is proving a costly thing for Britain. Britons are called upon to meet an extra expenditure of £7,811,000, largely because of special measures taken by the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Royal Ordnance factories in connection with the Abyssinian trouble.

Four supplementary estimates were issued this month for this sum, divided thus:—

Navy	£4,850,000
Army	£1,350,000
Air Force	£1,611,000
Ordnance Factories	£100
Total	£7,811,000

Lord Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, in an explanatory memorandum to the Navy supplementary estimate, says the estimate provides for increasing naval personnel by 3,500 to 97,982.

The cost of meeting this additional personnel, which was required because of the altered fleet dispositions in connection with the Italo-Abyssinian dispute, and other special measures taken, is given as £4,392,000.

RESTORED "CUTS"

The cost of the restoration of the remaining half of the salary and pay "cuts" from July 1, 1935, amounts for a further £54,500.

The expenditure on the "special measures" taken by the Army was £1,580,000, but appropriations-in-aid reduced this by £62,000 to £1,518,000. The cost of restoring the cuts was £399,000.

The extra gross expenditure required by the more rapid progress in the expansion of the Air Force, particularly in the acquisition of lands and on works services, was £1,000,000, reduced to £809,000 by various savings.

The increase of £100 for the



Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Colonel Lindbergh's mother-in-law, on a pleasure visit to Hongkong.

Suez Canal And Risk Of War

Leap Year Protection Promised Bachelors

Burlington, Ont. Feb. 28. Police Chief Lee Smith stands ready to protect bachelors apprehensive over the marital dangers of Leap Year.

"It is only right that a man's most prized prerogative, that of proposing matrimony, should be safeguarded, Leap Year or not," the chief declared. "If any male citizen complains of being made an offer of marriage and, instead of being flattered, feels he's the victim of a conspiracy, public nuisance or threat, and if the case is substantiated by the evidence, the police will give him such protection as the law provides."—United Press.

Royal Ordnance factories was due to additional orders.

Spain's "Robin Hood"

ROMANTIC BANDIT GAINS HIS FREEDOM

Madrid, Mar. 15. **Spain's last romantic bandit, stocky, elderly Pedro Ceballos**

Marinez, is free. The one-time Robin Hood whose downfall was produced by a romance, recovered his liberty after serving thirty years of sentences totalling more than a century and a half.

Pedro once was known throughout the Andalusian countryside as "El Pepino" (The Cucumber), member of a band of outlaws led by "El Peralito" and including "Nino de la Gloria," "El Revuelto" and "Nino del Arado." They boasted they had never killed anyone and had never injured an unarmed person. They stole from the rich and gave to the poor.

Pedro Ceballos of Fuente-Tojar, Cordoba province, was only 18 when he took to the hills with the other bandits. For nine years he continued his risky profession. During that time many a poor peasant paid his rent with the money that "El Pepino" had taken from his landlord. Charges began to pile up against Pedro in the courts of half a dozen provinces.

Romance changed his life. He loved Manuela Ruada, of Rute, and the wedding was arranged. The banns were duly read in the parish church on three consecutive Sundays. The time and place of the ceremony were not given so that the civil guards, Spain's crack corps for the maintenance of law and order in the countryside, would not be present.

The scene was a little chapel in the Sierra de Gabra. "El Pepino" and all his men were there.

The civil guards had not been invited to the wedding but they

Manuela gave birth to a girl and the happy event ended Pedro's freedom. The bandit's wife had gone to her parents' home in Rute so that she could be given proper care, and her husband braved danger to visit her there.

One night there was a knock on the door. "El Pepino" himself answered it. He found four rifles pointed at his chest.

"I knew you were coming for me," he told the civil guards. "I have just kissed the daughter that has been born to me and this is no time to shed blood." He threw down his gun.

Pedro was tried and he entered Granada jail to serve sentenced totalling 164 years.

He was a model prisoner. He earned everything that could be obtained in the way of remission and now the remaining year of his sentence has been lifted.

At 67, his one desire is to return to Fuente-Tojar and rejoice the daughter he has not seen since that fight in 1906 when the civil guards

fight him into custody.—United Press.

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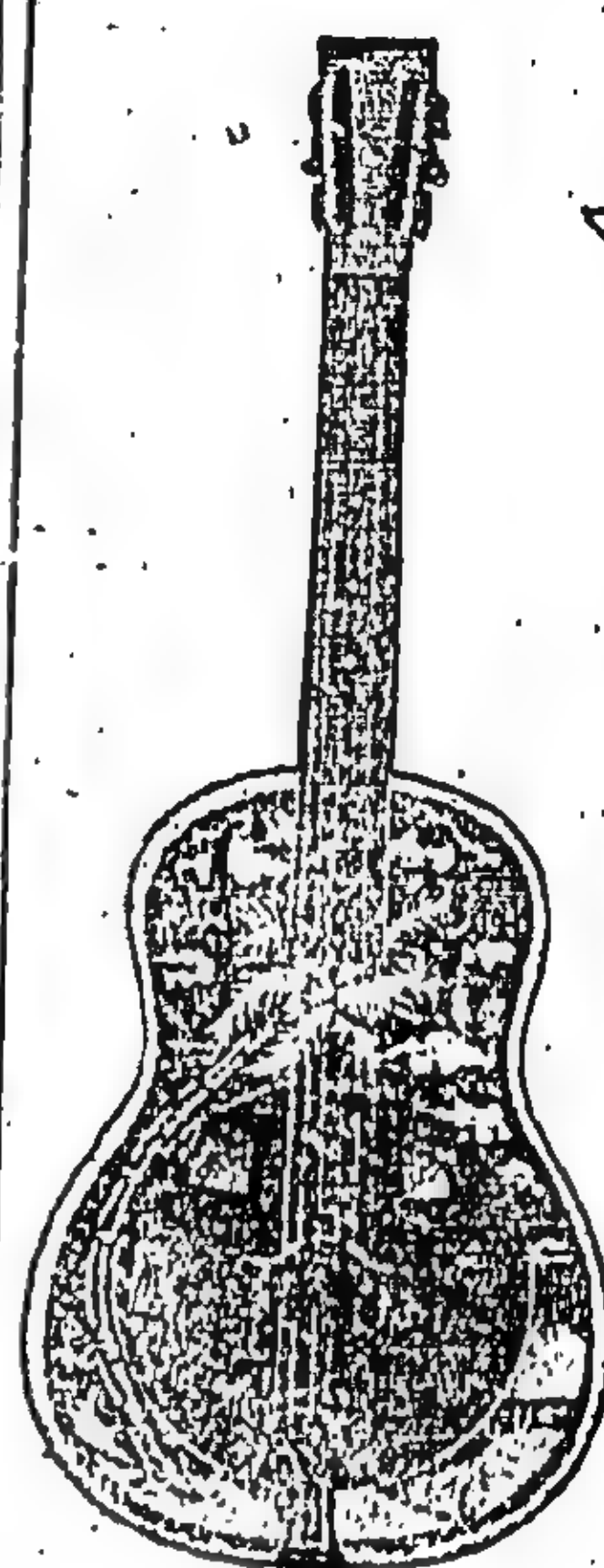
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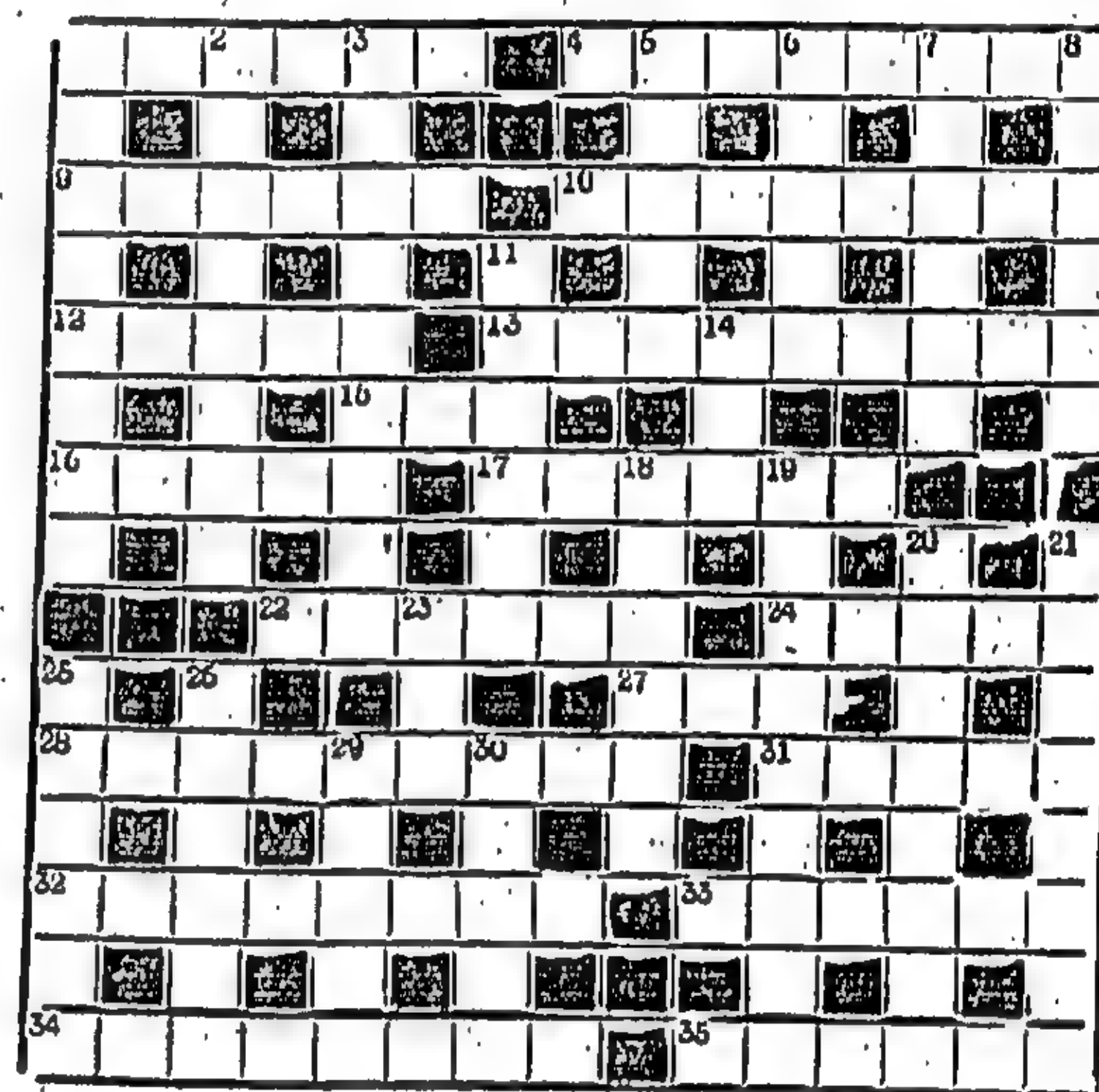
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- Due to reaction.
- The answer will be—as in certain other obscure cases.
- Rot! rot, a pun might be of the highest importance.
- Here a hundred to one either way will suit Alphonse.
- Suggesting that you make a vocal effort, putting in practice.
- Mutely.
- Sets out something sharp in a vessel.
- Margaret is very short, not to say angry, at first.
- Look at this town in Suffolk!
- My first might be a maiden, my second, strength; altogether, I mean defeat.
- The flowing bowl, complete with contents.
- Water controller.
- Wheel or wing.
- Value for the second time.
- Condescends to make a design.

DOWN

- This Biblical resin gives a mild blue.
- Not Rip van Winkle's complaint.
- The usual alternative is fourteen days.
- Gold is than silver.
- Scruple.
- This is simply horrid.
- In this madness is shown, though reasonableness itself.

Yesterday's Solution

- Prised (anag.)
- This garment is very short for Albert.
- The wee which engulfs a very grasping individual.
- A scurvy enemy (two words).
- There will be trouble with the Navy when decorating starts.
- The end which is less at one end.
- A bit of a fog on a hot day.
- He may find water, or plunge into it.
- For this ball-game an alpaca is essential.
- Chooses tools.
- Run through candles. One each of 29 and 30 are very Dickensian.

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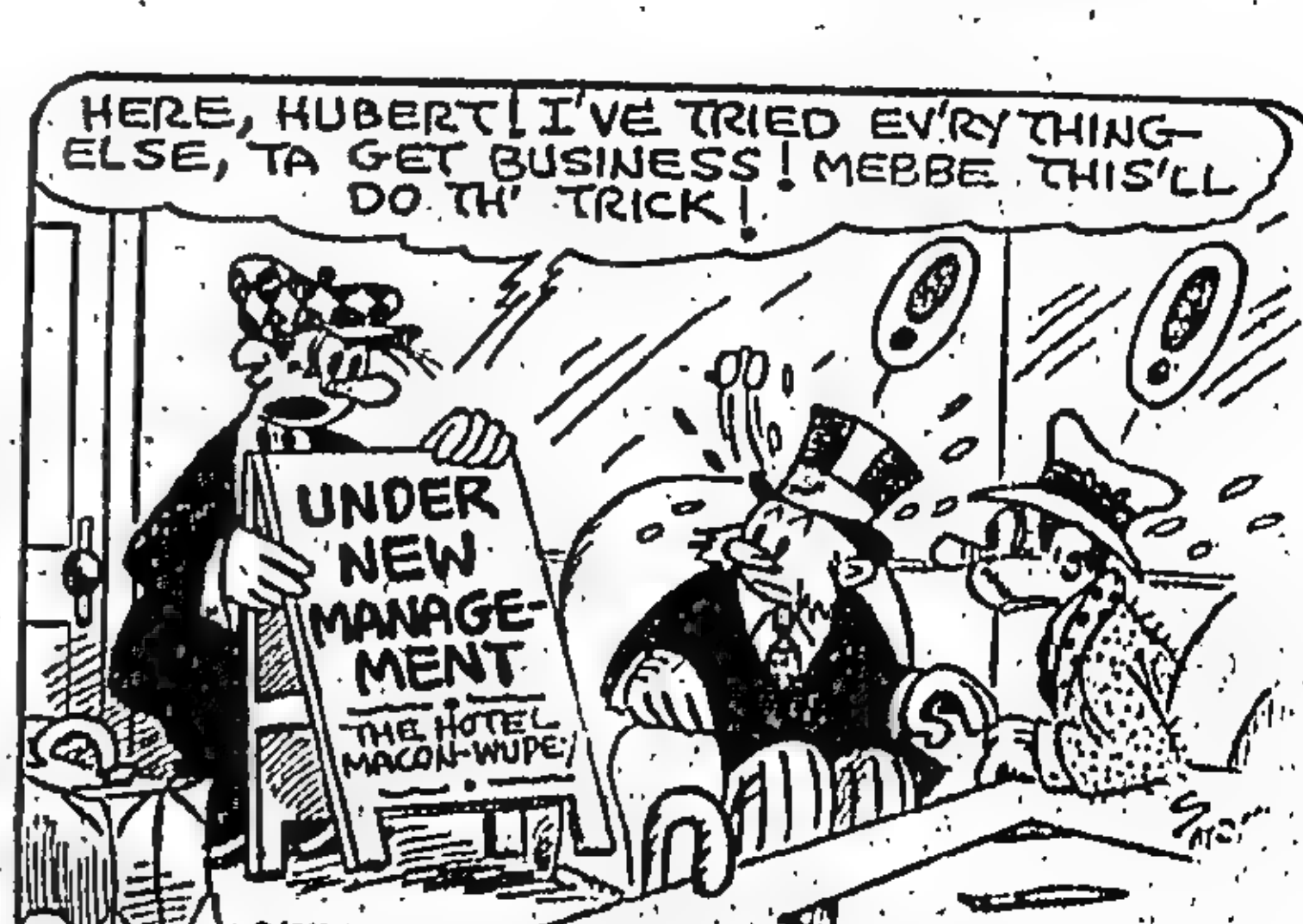
Pupils of Miss Lily P. Y. Lam will give a concert of piano and voice, assisted by Mr. James C. M. Su, baritone, at the Hop Yee Church on Sunday, March 29, at 8 p.m.

The Hongkong Benevolent Society are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, March 28, at 10.30 a.m. at 11 Ice House Street (the Hongkong Daily Press Building).

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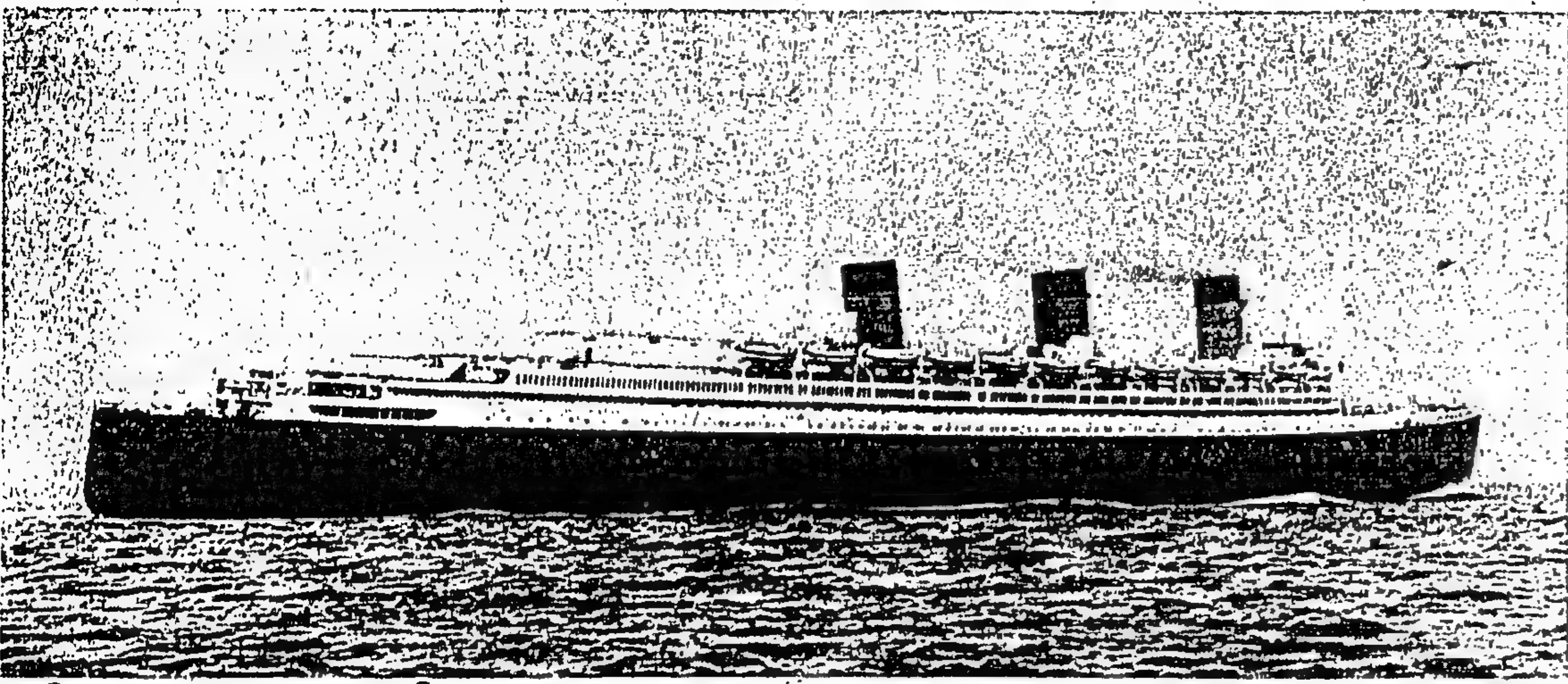
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Suicide To Avoid Giving Evidence

SOVIET MASS TRIAL

Moscow, Mar. 15.

There was a dramatic start to the spectacular trial of 39 ex-nobles, Tsarist officers and merchants accused of engaging in capitalist industry.

The one woman defendant, Vera Petrova, calmly announced that her brother, called as a witness against her, was unable to appear because he committed suicide last night rather than give evidence. The woman, who is 35, is accused of organizing a pseudo-co-operative manufacturing cartel and making a huge profit. She is stated to have corrupted tax collectors by drunken revels.

The others are accused of operating privately owned factories and defrauding the State of \$50,000 in income-tax. Three at least face death sentences and all long terms of imprisonment. Three pleaded not guilty, one guilty and the rest guilty on some counts.

They are being tried before two worker judges and one professional jurist.

FLIGHTS WITH MID-SEA BASE SOON TO BEGIN

Washington, Mar. 12

THE international race between Great Britain, Germany, France, and America for first honours in the establishment of a Transatlantic air service has begun. Germany at present looks like taking the lead.

Two months ago British, Canadian, and Irish aviation officials obtained permission for the use of terminal facilities near New York for the western end of the air line they intend to inaugurate next summer.

Woman Bites Doctor's Finger As "Sample"

A DOCTOR, who allowed a woman to bite his finger in order to compare the results with marks on the finger of a man accused of holding up an elderly woman with a pistol, gave evidence at Bristol Assizes recently.

William John Hancock, a 38-year-old labourer, living at Kendall-road, Bridgwater, was charged with being armed with an offensive weapon, a pistol, and assaulting Miss Lottie Pollard, aged 60, with intent to rob. He pleaded not guilty.

Miss Pollard, of Mount Bradford Cottage, Wembdon, Bridgwater, stated that she saw a head come round the front door, followed by a hand grasping a pistol.

The intruder entered the hall and said, "You know what I am going to do with this," pointing the pistol at her. He seized her arm, and twisted it so that it was fractured in two places, took her into the dining-room, and forced her into a chair, demanding to know where her money was.

BIT HIS FINGER

By this time, she said, the pistol was no longer in his hand and she managed to bite the second finger of one of his hands very hard.

The intruder left the house. Three days later, she attended an identification parade, and picked out a man other than Hancock.

Dr. Alexander Reid, of Malvern House, Bridgwater, gave evidence that he found a scar on Hancock's finger on the day of the identification parade, consistent with his having been bitten.

In order to check the matter he allowed Miss Pollard to bite his own finger.

"When she bit my second finger I had to tell her to stop," he said. "Her tooth would have punctured my finger."

Cross-examined, the doctor said that the mark on Hancock's finger might possibly have been made by a shipping screwdriver.

Last night the German delegation obtained identical rights in exchange for similar privileges in Berlin for American transport companies.

Now the French Government has made formal application, through the French Ambassador, for terminal facilities on America's east coast.

Government aviation experts in Washington were to-day convinced that the Germans are best fitted to lead the race.

This conviction is based on confidential reports which show that Germany alone is equipped with giant flying boats ready for immediate service.

The experts declare that no other nation—not even America—has flying boats ready to make such long distance flights.

The leaders of the German delegation make no secret of their determination to begin experimental flights across the Atlantic almost immediately.

Under tentative plans placed before the State Department, the Westfalen, Germany's floating airplane base, will be moved from the South Atlantic to a position near the Azores.

Trans-oceanic planes will be projected from this vessel by catapults.

Egypt And The Suez Canal Company

CLAIM TO SHARE CONTROL

Cairo, Mar. 15.

Conversations are taking place between the Egyptian Government and the Suez Canal Company concerning Egypt's interest in the working of the canal concession.

The Egyptian Government holds that Egyptians should be nominated to the board, on which there is no Egyptian director.

The president of the company is always French. In addition there are 20 French, one Dutch and 10 British directors. Three of the British directors represent the Government and the others various shipping companies.

It is also claimed that, under certain clauses in the concession, Egyptian shipping is entitled to a preferential tariff, and that the company should make an annual payment on account of the reduction of debenture charges due to payment in paper instead of in gold.

The company, the Government urges, should employ a percentage of Egyptians on the staff, which is at present almost exclusively French. The Government has every hope of an early agreement.

WINTER BIKES



Novel sport is latest fad—bicycle-sledging. Sledges can make good speed downhill, and are enormously popular on the continent.

Electronic Eye That Pierces Dark

AN AID TO SHIPS

St. Louis, Feb. 18.

An electronic eye capable of piercing the dark and offering inestimable possibilities as an aid to air and sea navigation, warfare and science was introduced before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Developed in Radio Corporation laboratories by Doctors V. K. Zorykin and George A. Morton, the "eye" was said to have its greatest practicable possibilities as an interchangeable telescope or microscope.

In telescopic form, it is tubular, its objective end looking much like a camera lens and its forward part like an old-fashioned stereoscope. The image strikes a photo-electric surface and passes into an electrical field which transposes infra-red (black) light, producing the image on a phosphorescent screen.

Since infra-red rays are corollary to radiant heat, the electronic eye on a ship at sea could pierce complete darkness and reproduce the image of a smoke stack of another vessel, Dr. Morton believes.

In war time, a landing field could be "illuminated" with infra-red light, making it invisible to the enemy but in clear relief to planes equipped with the electronic telescope.

Such "illumination" would mean only the insertion of black filters in ordinary flood lights.

In microscopic work, Dr. Morton said, the "eye" may permit the bacteriologist to see minute organisms which now have to be painted with a luminous substance which sometimes kills them.

The component parts of the eye, he explained, "are a photo-electric cathode and a glass disk coated on the side opposite the optical lens with a semi-transparent layer of luminescent material. When the infra-red light passes through the glass disk, electrons are released from the layer of photo-electric material. The electrons then enter the field of an electron lens, which focuses them in the same manner as an optical lens focuses rays of light.—United Press.

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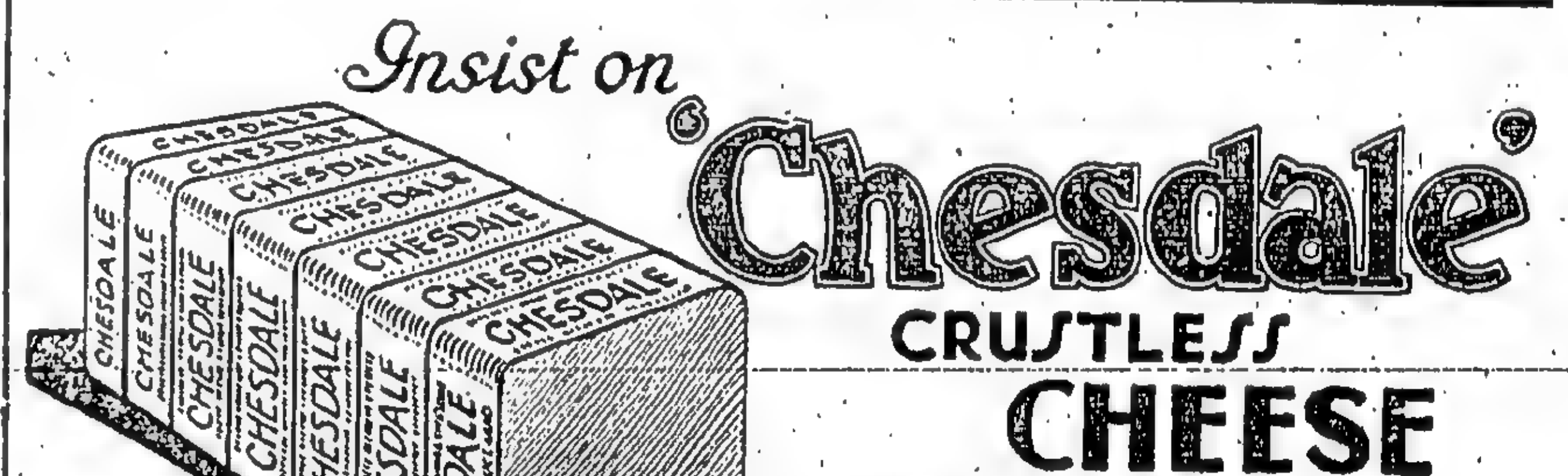
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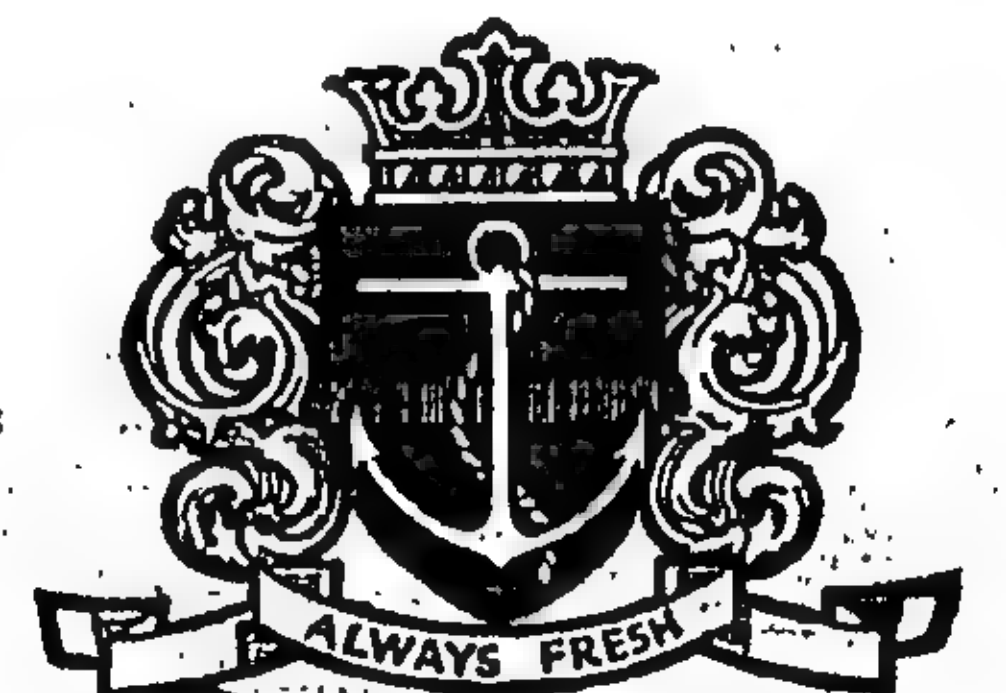
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5% Tient-Pukow Rly. Brit. £51
5% Tient-Pukow Rly. Ger. £48
5% (Supl. Loan) British £48
5% (Supl. Loan) German £47
5% Huakang Rly. 1911 £65½
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Hongkong, 18th March, 1936.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock, noon, to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And notice is further hereby given that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 30th day of March, 1936, both days inclusive.

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Principals in a love tale that was not to be, Ronald Colman is seen as Sydney Carton, and Elizabeth Allan as Lucie Manette in the film version of Dickens' masterpiece, "A Tale of Two Cities" which opens Saturday at the King's and Alhambra Theatres. The hopeless love of Carton for Lucie presents one of the most poignant phases of the spectacular story.

CINEMA NOTES

"Stars Over Broadway," Warner Bros.' latest stirring comedy drama with music opening at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. It features Pat O'Brien, Jean Muir, Jane Froman, James Melton, Frank McHugh, Frank Fay and scores of other artists. William Keighly directed the picture from the screen play by Feery Wald and Julius Epstein, based on the story by Mildred Cram. Music and lyrics are by Harry Warren and Al Dubin, with special numbers by Busby Berkeley and Bob Connolly. Pat O'Brien has the role of a theatrical agent who is about to say goodbye to the world because he is unable to find any clients, when he hears a porter in his hotel sing. Recognizing an unusually gifted voice, he puts the youth under contract. James Melton, the radio star who makes his debut to the screen is the porter. Miss Froman, also a radio star, plays opposite Melton. The ingenue role is played by Jean Muir, who plays the part of an ambitious matinee, who has a golden voice, but who is discouraged from going on the radio by O'Brien, who is in love with her. Frank McHugh furnishes much of the comedy as an absent-minded and over-zealous song-plugging friend of O'Brien.

"A Tale of Two Cities" — Something of a miracle was worked in transferring "A Tale of Two Cities" from Charles Dickens' bulky novel to the dimensions of the great motion picture which opens on Saturday at the King's and Alhambra Theatres. The adaptation took place without losing a single character, however unimportant, from the book. This unusual task of screen writing was done by W. O. Lipscomb, distinguished British scenarist of "Clive of India" and many other screen hits. The story of preparations for the film, which stars Ronald Colman, is the story of a herculean task involving more than 6,000 motion picture workers whose names will never be known to screen annals. For more than eight months they were engaged in the unusual occupations generally classified in the studio under "research". The amazing total of 112 scenes and 1,000 extra were used in the photographic. Some of these are "bits" and small parts, but each is vital to the development of the plot. This astounding total is said to set a new high record for size of cast. In addition, 1,000 extras were used in the Revolutionary scenes, particularly those dealing with the storming and fall of the Bastille, which was reconstructed inside the M-G-M studio walls. Unlike many motion picture "sets," the Bastille was built of stone and solid masonry, for in the climactic scene of the Revolution it was torn down by the furious mob. Ronald Colman creates the immortal character of Sydney Carton, hero of "A Tale of Two Cities," who sacrifices his life for a love he knows never can be returned. Prominently in the cast with him are such favourites as Elizabeth Allan, Edna May Oliver, Reginald Owen, Basil Rathbone, Blanche Yurka, Henry B. Walthall, Donald Woods, Walter Catlett, Fritz Leiber, H. B. Warner, Mitchell Lewis, Claude Gillingwater, Billy Bovan, Isabel Jewell, Lucille La Verne, Fuyal Marshall and many more of equal prominence. Jack Conway, who gave "Viva Villa!" to the screen, directed.

"The Informer" — Although not a gangster story, RKO-Radio's "The Informer" now at the Star Theatre, demonstrates a truth that is axiomatic. This picture, a dramatization of Liam O'Flaherty's novel of the same name gives dramatic form and power to the theme that crime and treachery finds its own punishment. Taking the part of the central figure in the story, Gypo Nolan (Victor McLaglen) betrays a friend. Thereafter the drama is concerned with the manner in which Nolan's conscience trips him into revealing his guilt. Women, of course, are incidental in unmasking Nolan's duplicity. And the solution to that old enigma, of beautiful wo-

man's ability to destroy young men, is given a new and powerfully dramatic twist. "The Informer" marks a definite step forward in motion picture technique and thematic development. The screen play by Dudley Nichols gives mounting suspense to a story which has all the power inevitably attached to the saga of Ireland's days of revolution. The beauty of Margot Grahame and Heather Angel plays an important part in this tale which will deepen the affection for Victor McLaglen in those who love virility and the ways of vile men. A large supporting cast includes Preston Foster, Una O'Connor and Wallace Ford. John Ford produced.

"Four Hours to Kill" — The new Paramount film is now at the Queen's Theatre. It is the screen adaptation of the successful Broadway stage hit, "Small Miracle," by Norman Krasna. The action of the story takes place almost entirely in the lounge of a musical. He effects his escape and changes the lives of the other characters in the theatre. His escape is not for freedom but for revenge and how he achieves revenge is brought out in a cleverly conceived climax. The romance is carried by Joe Morrison and Helen Mack.

"Every Saturday Night" — One of the happiest, scrappiest family pictures of the year, is "Every Saturday Night," the new and hilarious Fox Comedy-drama of a typical American family, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. It is a hilarious comedy-drama of a horse-and-buggy dad driven frantic by a gang of step-on-the-gas kids, and features June Lang, Thomas Beck, Ted Proity and Spring Byington. The story of "Every Saturday Night," which is based on the play written by Katharine Kavanaugh, depicts the trials and tribulations found in the modern American home. Under James Tinling's imaginative direction, the entire cast of "Every Saturday Night" turns in sparkling spontaneous performances. In addition to the engaging performances of Ted Proity, June Lang, Thomas Beck and Spring Byington, there is the finished acting of Florence Roberts, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest and June Carlson. The Paxton sisters, vocalizing of a catchy tune during one of the night club scenes, is one of the highlights of the film.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 27, 1915.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9½/10d.

Miss Doberek, B.A., after over 23 years' service as assistant meteorologist at the Royal Observatory, left for home on pension.

The death occurred at the Seamen's Institute of Mr. Henry Cormie, Chief Officer of the s.s. Mexico City.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILES

Japan	Atsuta Maru	March 27
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C.)	Emp. of Canada	March 27
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	March 27
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers) London, 27th February—and Air Mail ex "K.L.M. Service" (Amsterdam, 14th March).	Hakusan Maru	March 27
Straits, Japan, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 28th Feb.)	Houtman	March 27
Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	March 27
Japan	Somali	March 27
Japan and Shanghai	Toyama Maru	March 27
Shanghai	Chichibu Maru	March 28
Straits	Eumaeus	March 28
Japan	Glye Maru	March 28
Shanghai and Swatow	Nagato Maru	March 28
Shanghai and Amoy	Nanchang	March 28
Shanghai	Taiyuan	March 28
Straits and Air Mail ex "Imperial Service" (London, 10th Mar.), and "K.L.M." Service (Amsterdam 18th Mar.)	Victoria	March 28
Java and Manila	Anhui	March 29
Straits	Tjisaron	March 29
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 6th March).	Aeneas	March 30
Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	March 30
Japan and Shanghai	General Sherman	March 31
Japan	Nankin	March 31
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 31
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	March 31
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 5th March and London	Carthage	April 1
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 5th March and London	Tjisadano	April 1

OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday.		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Fri., Mar. 27, 1 p.m.
Manakasar and Sourabaya	Burma Maru	Fri., Mar. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canlon	Fri., Mar. 27, 2 p.m.
Holhow and Pakhoi	Hanching	Fri., Mar. 27, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Fri., Mar. 27, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Mar. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Sapahul and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Fri., Mar. 27, 4 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Michael Johnson	Fri., Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island, 9th April.	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and (Due Victoria B.C., 15th April)	Reg.	Mar. 27, 4.15 p.m.
(Manila)	Pres. Jackson	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, Fushimi Maru	Letters	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 28th April).	Reg.	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
K.P.O.	Reg.	Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Saturday.		
*Straits and *Calcutta	Taluna	Sat., Mar. 28
Parcels	Letters	Mar. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, Somali	Letters	Sat., Mar. 28
E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 28th April).	Reg.	Mar. 28, 8.30 a.m.
K.P.O.	Reg.	Mar. 28, 1 p.m.
Parcels	Reg.	Mar. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Mar. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar and South Africa.	Houtman	Sat., Mar. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaying	Sat., Mar. 28, 1 p.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Victoria (Amsterdam, 9th April).	Letters	Sat., Mar. 28
K.P.O.	Reg.	Mar. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Mar. 28, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Kiangchow	Sat., Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, Victoria	Letters	Sat., Mar. 28
India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples (Due Naples, 18th April).	Reg.	Mar. 28, 2.45 p.m.
K.P.O.	Reg.	Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Mar. 29, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangchow	Sun., Mar. 29, 9 a.m.
Tuesday.		
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tjisadano	Tues., Mar. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Aeneas	Tues., Mar. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., Mar. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. and S. America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco, and (Due San Francisco, 22nd April).	Reg.	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chongtu	Wed., Apr. 1, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Diomed	Wed., Apr. 1, 9.30 a.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Fooching	Wed., Apr. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday.		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Carthage	Thurs., April 2, 10.30 a.m.
Friday.		
Holhow	Muinam	Fri., Apr. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.	Parcels	Fri., Apr. 3
(Due Brisbane, 20th April).	Reg.	Apr. 3, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	Reg.	Apr. 3, 9.20 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, Emp. of Canada	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 3
U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only) and (Europe via Siberia).	Parcels	Apr. 3, 9.15 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C., 22nd April).	Reg.	Apr. 3, 9.15 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Fri., Apr. 3, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa.	Hakusan Maru	Wed., Apr. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Saturday		
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Ranchi	Letters	Sat., Apr. 4
Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 1st May).	Reg.	Apr. 4, 9.45 a.m.
K.P.O.	Reg.	Apr. 4, 10 a.m.
Parcels	Reg.	Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	Reg.	Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sat., Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m.

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FRONTIER TENSION PERSISTS

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immediately and vigorously to the Tokyo Government.—United Press.

Counter Protest

Tokyo, Mar. 26. The Foreign Office has instructed the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow Mr. Ota, to protest to the Soviet Government with respect to the border clashes of Wednesday.—United Press.

On Manchukuo Soil

Washington, Mar. 26. The Japanese Embassy here has issued a statement with respect to the border fighting near Hanchung. It is stated that the Russian troops left many empty cartridges inside Manchukuoan territory.

The Japanese assert that the Japanese Consulate at Hanchung reports that at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Soviet troops fired on a Japanese border patrol, wounded three and captured two.

Forty Japanese and twenty Manchukuoans, brought up as reinforcements, discovered fifty Soviet troops 400 yards distant from Hanchung. At 4:30 p.m. Soviet reinforcements arrived and took the offensive and at 7 p.m. Japanese reinforcements also came into the action, whereafter skirmishing presently ceased.—United Press.

U.S. WON'T DISCUSS PACIFIC FORTIFICATIONS

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to build 40 new warships, and Japan 35. The American programme includes three aircraft carriers, three heavy and nine light cruisers, 53 destroyers and 16 submarines.—United Press.

Value of Treaty

London, Mar. 26. Naval experts, at the London conference, declare that goodwill and economic sagacity only stand between the powers and a costly naval race.

They say the present three-power treaty will ease international suspicion and reduce the danger of the appearance of new types of warships. The Japanese say that despite appeals to them at the signing ceremony yesterday it is doubtful if Japan will adhere to this new treaty.

Unless Japan endorses it by January 1, 1937, the provision for the reduction of the maximum calibre of guns to fourteen inches is automatically cancelled.—United Press.

There will be no Dinner Dance on Saturday, at Repulse Bay Hotel, but the usual tea-dance will be held on Sunday, at 4:30 p.m.

BRITAIN PLEDGED TO PEACE

(Continued from Page 1.)

the demilitarized zone to certain parts of Europe. The White Paper allayed the immediate prospect of steps being taken which might have led to war. When the war danger was weighed against the White Paper he was convinced that all would agree the document was worth while.

Germany Must Help

They attached the greatest importance to new negotiations, the Foreign Secretary continued, but if they were to reach that stage there must be a contribution by the Germans. Hitherto none had been forthcoming, except Herr Adolf Hitler's undertaking not to increase the number of troops in the Rhineland. That was not enough.

If Germany would undertake not to fortify the Rhineland during negotiations that would be something; but he was informed it was impossible for Germany to give even that undertaking.

The proposals which Herr Hitler was making next week would, he received with an open mind and a keen desire to make the best use of them. They were only at the beginning of a critical period of international negotiations and they must persist in their search for peace on enduring foundations. Britain was not bound by the divergent policies of either France or Germany.

Advice To France

To France he would like to say that Britain was unable to ensure peace unless France was ready to approach with an open mind the problems separating her from Germany.

And he would like to say to Germany: How can we enter into negotiations with any prospect of success unless you are prepared to do something to allay the anxieties in Europe which you have created?—Reuter.

NEW SHIPPING ORDERS

London, Mar. 26. Movers, Harland and Wolff have received an order from the Union Castle Line for a sister ship to the 25,000-ton passenger motor vessel, Stirling Castle, and for two cargo vessels of 8,000 tons each for the South American service.—British Wireless.

Local estate amounting to \$10,400 was left by Mr. Leung Hon-yam, alias Leung Chee-chuen, merchant, late of 12 Kam Wah Street, Shaohi-wan, who died at the above address on September 6, 1934. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Mrs. Leung Li-shi, alias Li Lan, widow.

FOURTEEN KILLED IN AIR CRASH

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Prince Friedrich Christian von Schaumburg-Lippe, who became a Nazi official, was born at Bückeburg in Jan., 1906. His father was Prince Georg, who died in 1911, and his mother Maria Anna Princess of Saxony-Altenburg. Friedrich was the brother of the late reigning Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe, Prince Adolf, who was born in 1883 and who abdicated in Nov., 1918, after the German revolution. Adolf having married a commoner, the union was not recognised by the rules of his princely house.

Friedrich's wife was Alexandra Countess of Castell-Rudolfsburg. They have a daughter, born in 1928, and a son, born in 1934. For a time they lived at Godesberg on the Rhine, but later moved to Berlin.

Prince Friedrich was one of the few members of former German ruling houses who joined the National Socialist movement before Hitler came into power. He became one of the most devoted adherents and friends of Dr. Goebbels, later the Minister of Propaganda and Enlightenment. When Goebbels was given this post, he appointed the Prince, who had been successful as his secretary, to be his official adjutant. Friedrich accompanied Goebbels on all his official missions and also addressed meetings himself.

GREECE MOURNS VENIZELOS

REMAINS REMOVED TO CRETE

Athens, Mar. 26. Huge crowds lined the banks of the Corinth canal as the remains of M. Venizelos were conveyed in a destroyer en route to Crete.

Weeping women cast flowers in the sea as the destroyer passed. The Government has ordered to-morrow to be observed as a day of national mourning. All normal activities will be suspended.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

BRITISH FILM INQUIRY

London, Mar. 26. A Committee provided over by Lord Moyne has been appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of British films, having in mind the approaching expiry of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1927, and to advise whether any and if so, what measures are still required in the public interest to promote their production and exhibition.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET DOWNWARD YESTERDAY

New York, March 26. Summary of yesterday's market. The market to-day was irregularly lower in the last hours of trading after a quiet advance in the morning. The unloading operations were not spirited and many traders are awaiting a reaction. Initial issues retained most of their early advance. Motor shares, however, relapsed to along the previous day's close. Refrigerator stocks were in good demand. The market for bonds was lower on late selling. Curb stocks were irregularly higher and the sentiment is bullish.

Swan, Culbertson and Fritz Hall's Street Journal comment on 25/29 market: "The mid-continent crude oil price will probably be raised by 10 or 15 cents per barrel soon. Local foreign exchange authorities are discussing the possible resumption of Gold imports from France within a few weeks. The Pittsburgh plate is rapidly resuming high operations. The form in which the Tax Programme from Congress may have an important effect on the market. In spite of the many bulls on oil shares, brokers report some profit-taking in these issues at present. Conservative elements believe that the General Motor Company will declare its regular dividend in May."

Stocks: The market was generally firm, with a moderate sell-off in the last hour of trading. Sears-Roebuck in 1935 earned \$4.45 per share, against \$1.13 the previous year.

Cotton: There was some short covering in a narrow market. No special feature was in evidence to-day. Wheat: The failure of rains and increasing dust-storms in the South-West have about offset the effect of the reported statement by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace that the new farm programme is too late for 1936 and predicting a large unsaleable surplus in 1937 without the full cooperation of farmers.

Rubber: The market was quiet. Buyers continue to await a reaction.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:
March 27, March 26.
30 Industrials 157.84 157.73
20 Rails 47.56 47.85
20 Utilities 32.38 32.33
40 Bonds 102.08 102.08
11 Commodity Index 64.80 66.09

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Variety will be the keynote of the illustrations appearing in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement. Weddings of which photos will appear include those of Mr. D. L. Prophet and Miss Knill, Mr. G. G. Clarke and Miss Joyce Naylor, Mr. Leonardo A. L. da Silva and Miss Ondina de Araujo (in Lisbon) and Mr. Chan Fook-ming and Miss Hui Yuen-yung.

There will be several pictures of the Ambulance Brigade Inspection, whilst among other groups will be lady golfers at Fanning, H.M.S. Tamar accountant staff, officials of various Football Associations, and Warner Oland, noted film star, and friends at the Hongkong Hotel.

There will be a picture of the Queen's College inter-class volleyball final in progress, a portrait of Sirragat S. Chowdhury, senior member of the Sikh section of the Defence Corps, and a happy study of Sir Robert Ho Tung and the Chinese Minister of Railways. The Supplement will also contain entertainment and feature pages, with result of last week's Children's Competition and details of a new competition.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton
March 11.45
May 11.07
July 10.68
October 10.20
December 10.22
January 10.22
March (1937) 10.17
Spot 11.47

New York Rubber
March 15.90
May 15.96
July 16.03
September 16.12
December 16.22
Total, all grades 41 lots.

Chicago Wheat
May 07.75
July 07.75
September 07.75
Wednesday's sales:
12,045,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
May 0.68
July 0.68
September 0.68
Winnipeg Wheat
May 0.82
July 0.82
September 0.82
October 0.82
New York Silk
March 1.71
May 1.00
July 1.00

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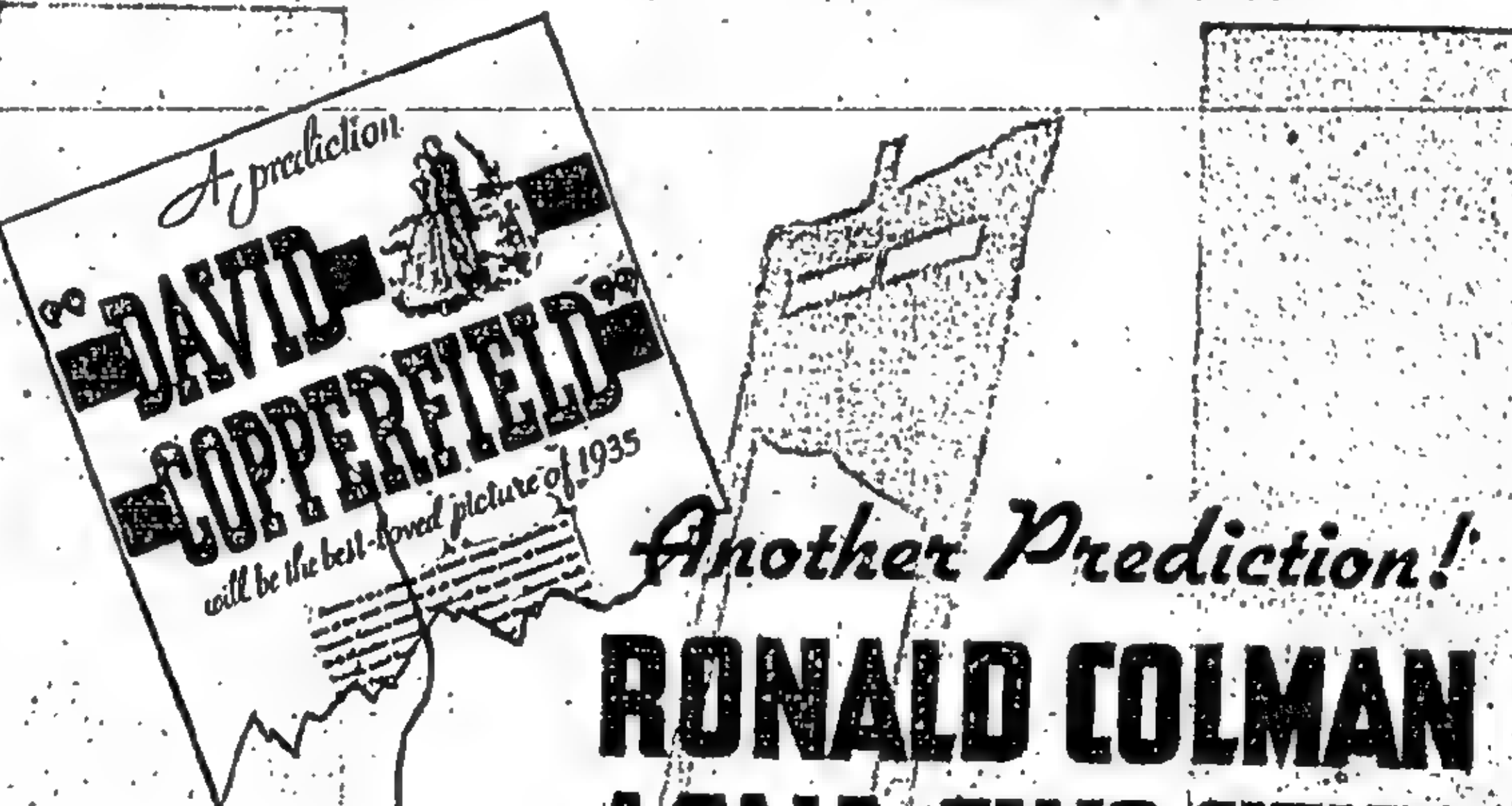
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FRIDAY, MAR. 27, 1936.

BORDER FRICTION

The occurrence of another border clash between Soviet and Japanese forces serves as a fresh reminder of the friction periodically evidenced along the frontiers of territories controlled by Russia and Japan. Once again, there will no doubt be difficulty in determining responsibility for the aggression, as, in all these instances, each side invariably accuses the other. But whatever the facts may be, it is becoming increasingly apparent that only a fundamental political appeasement between Tokyo and Moscow, accompanied by a diminution in the numbers and bellicose spirit of the frontier troops, will remove a Russo-Japanese conflict from the category of future possibilities. It has well been pointed out by a political observer that one obvious cause of these recurring clashes is that border patrols on both sides are suspicious and quick on the trigger. A state of military deadlock is the result of the deadlock which still continues politically on this frontier question. Again and again there has been hope of the appointment of a boundary delimitation commission to adjust matters once and for all, but Russia has usually taken the stand that the boundary is fixed and clear and that no delimitation is necessary. Aside from the technical points in dispute, it is obvious that each side cherishes profound suspicion of the ultimate designs of the other. Soviet statesmen have repeatedly accused Japanese militarists of planning to seize Eastern Siberia, while Japanese soldiers and statesmen foresee a resumption of Russia's thrust for warm water ports on the Pacific and see in the Communist Internationale an agency for bringing China under Soviet domination and for sowing seeds of unrest in Manchukuo and Korea, as well as in Japan itself. It seems clear that both the Soviet and Japan are prepared to believe the worst about the designs of the other. Consequently, each side is thinking definitely in strategic terms. It is difficult to see how an atmosphere of genuine pacification can be created, but it would help if

The little yellow door at the end of the corridor . . .

THERE is tenseness among the occupants of a row of cells in Trenton's State Prison. Their eyes are on Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the rather good-looking young man who is waiting to pass through the little yellow door at the end of the corridor into eternity.

His pale face compels them. His sunken eyes hypnotise them. Unless Governor Hoffman himself acts Bruno Richard Hauptmann will be dead at dawn on Monday, electrocuted by a creed that demands a life for a life. But there is long enough for Hauptmann to review his whole lifetime. The man in cell number nine sees a village in Saxony, trees, flowers, sunshine; a sweet, unhappy childhood; a sweet, gentle mother; a rough, drunken father.

Then guns, trenches, dying men, starvation.

And after—peace? Jobless men. More starvation. He is desperate, and turns to burglary for a living. He is arrested while robbing a burgomaster's home. Prison and punishment. Then freedom. More hunger. And then the idea of America—America the land of milk and honey. He lands in New York. He becomes a dishwasher.

March 1932.
A blustering wind blows on the day of March the first. At night it howls round a lonely house near Hopewell, New

NOTES OF THE DAY

NEW COINAGE

The Royal Mint report for 1934, which was recently published, shows that during that year coins were executed for ten different parts of the British Dominions. These comprised no less than thirty-seven different denominations, and amounted in all to over 71 million coins. This was thirteen million in excess of the average during the previous ten years. There was, however, a decline in the home coinage during the year. Plans are now being made throughout the British Empire for the issue of new coinage and postage stamps bearing the effigy of the new monarch, His Majesty King Edward the Eighth, and the transference of his name or initials to various State documents. The process involves a considerable amount of work, and it is not expected that any of the new coins will appear before June, and that no new stamps and postal orders will be issued until the late autumn of this year. The magnitude of the task may be estimated from the fact that in the case of stamps alone provision has to be made for some twenty million a day. The process involved in the production of new coinage is a long one. Drawings by selected artists will be submitted for searching tests by the Mint's expert advisory committee, representing the arts, technical manufacture, and heraldry. This done, the chosen artists must present carved models of their proposed coins to the committee, after which dies will be made of the models and one or two specimen coins struck. After further close examination and, consideration of all the factors involved, production will begin.

the two nations came to some kind of agreement about each other's spheres of influence. To-day, each side suspects the other of poaching, or attempting to poach, on its preserves. Only when this mutual suspicion is removed can we hope for anything approaching quietude along the frontiers and a cessation of incidents which might easily develop into a dangerous situation.

through it, unless there is a last-minute reprieve, will walk to his death on Monday
HAUPTMANN
found guilty of the murder of the Lindbergh baby

Jersey, the famous home of the Lindberghs. Charles Augustus and Anne, and Charles Augustus junior.

A ladder rests against an upper window. A man climbs up that ladder and disappears through the window. He returns with a heavy bundle. The man in cell number nine looks at him closely. "It's not I," he cries. The man vanishes.

Inside the house a pretty Scottish nurse, Betty Gow, goes to look at her charge in that upper room.

"He's gone!"
Colonel Lindbergh comes running to his wife. "Anne, they've stolen our baby." A nation is stunned. A nation frantic; police, detectives, soldiers, motor-cars, boats, radio, airplanes. Its hero's son is kidnapped. Questions, endless questions; suspects, endless suspects.

Ransom notes arrive, written in a crude Teutonic hand and signed with a mystic symbol.

March the eighth. An elderly, white-haired schoolmaster named Dr. J. F. Condon (who prefers to be called "Jafsie") writes a letter to a New York newspaper. He wants to act as intermediary between Lindbergh and the kidnappers. Response is swift.

Next day he receives a letter written in the same Teutonic scrawl, signed with the same mystic symbol.

In a cemetery at night on a lonely bench set among graves, "Jafsie" and a young man with a bad cough are talking.

The young man says he is "John," emissary of the kidnappers.

The man in cell number nine looks at him closely. "It's not I," he says again.

A sleeping suit arrives at "Jafsie's" house. It belonged to the Lindbergh baby. It is "John's" signal of good faith.

The cemetery again. "Jafsie" grabs a box from Lindbergh's feet and walks from the car to the hedge round the cemetery.

"Hey, doctor," whispers a voice from inside.

A hand passes through the shrubs, and the box and its ten thousand pounds in gold certificates disappears. The ransom has been paid.

But the baby is not returned. Days pass, turn into weeks. It is summer; trees, flowers, sunshine.

Trees . . . at the foot of some trees in a wood not far from the Lindbergh home two men find the remains of the Lindbergh baby. More questions, more suspicions. Violet Sharpe, an English servant in the home of Lindbergh's mother, is suspected. The police return, question her again and again. She dies—by her own hand.

Questions, questions. Five months go by. The man in cell number nine sees himself trying to quell the fire of ambition in his soul by dealing in furs with a consumptive little German, Isidor Fisch.

On May the first, 1933, the first Lindbergh ransom money appears. The police find a deposit slip in a New York bank signed J. J. Faulkner. They never find J. J. Faulkner. Then in September—1934—ransom money is traced to a cinema in New York; to a petrol station in the suburbs; to a house in the suburbs; to a cupboard in that house—in the house of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

Third degree, questions, bullying, meetings with Lindbergh, "Jafsie," scores of witnesses. "Yes," he heard from all of them, "that's the man."

"No," he says, with the faint suspicion of a smile. "I got the money from Isidor Fisch before he went away to die. I know nothing of the kidnapping."

Then the Flemington, New Jersey, circus of a trial by jury. Dunning evidence of Anne Lindbergh, of the sleeping suit, of Lindbergh; Betty Gow, "Jafsie" Condon, the handwriting experts, wood experts, the ransom money.

"He was 'John.'" "He wrote the ransom notes." "He made the ladder." "He had the ransom money." "He was the kidnapper."

America's biggest and best show drags on, till February the thirteenth, 1935. Three women and nine men stand before their prisoner. "Guilty."

The man in cell number nine straightens his shoulders as he sees himself take it with a smile.

A nation rejoices.

In the Death Row in the prison at Trenton, with murderers for friends and the perpetual tramp of guards' feet, there are no trees, no flowers, no sunshine. Just darkness or electric light.

The man in cell number nine watches himself through the months, calm and placid, always saying, "I am innocent."

Months of weary waiting, months of prayer in his newly found religion, occasional deathhouse concerts.

Appeals follow appeals, each is quashed. To the last appeal. "No," say the judges of Flemington. Again the judge sentences him, in the week of January the thirteenth.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus, which would have involved the automatic issue of a reprieve, is rejected.

"That's the end," says one of the defence lawyers.

The new year had brought new hopes. Governor Hoffman seemed to be friendly. America seemed to be willing to wait for its vengeance until it was sure. Colonel Lindbergh sails to England, and a new fury stirs on a shamed people.

Rumours of last-minute efforts of lawyers and friends; hope again—and then despair again.

On Monday—unless the Governor intervenes—he walks through that little yellow door. He sits in a square-built chair rather like the crude throne of an ancient Scottish king. Straps are fastened to his wrists and feet. A surly faced man walks towards the switch. There is a whirr. The man in the chair is thrust forward, but his straps hold him. He is still. The end of a chapter.

C.V.R. Thompson

PULL DRAW A CHEQUE

Few people realise the immensity of the services rendered by the big banks of the country to the public. A man signs a cheque to pay his bill and thinks little more of it. It must be obvious to many that a bank must receive many hundreds of cheques drawn on widely different parts of the country and also on distant parts of the world.

Prior to the year 1775 there were few banks as we now know them; the ones existing were private banks or merchant bankers as they were styled, and they had much closer dealings in the actual commodities of trade than is the custom to-day. For example, the British Linen Bank in Scotland was established to assist the financing of the linen trade in our country.

With few banks in the country and still fewer branches, the collection of cheques was a simple matter, as the clerks had little difficulty in going from bank to bank and presenting cheques which they held for cash. With the steady increase of banking, and the use of cheques by nearly all classes of society, some system of cheque clearance was imperative, as it is now impossible for clerks to collect vouchers on the thousands of branches that are scattered over the country.

The first clearing-house was established in London in 1775. Although a novelty in banking, the idea was not new, as there are records of great fairs or exchanges having been held in the market places of large Continental cities. France and Italy set up international clearing-houses or fairs to facilitate the collection of credit documents from far distant lands.

It will be clear that some banks will hand over a larger total in cheques than they receive, so some method of settling these balances had to be instituted. So a settling bank is usually appointed each month to deal with the adjustments.

The work of the clearing-house runs silently and efficiently, every business day dealing in vast totals. In fact, £37,559,751,000 passed through the London clearing-house during 1935. When you consider that this colossal total was negotiated without the passing of an actual coin in hard cash, one can appreciate the economy and usefulness of the clearing-house.

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"I told you this mailing tube would come in handy. Remember when you wanted to throw it away!"

Shower Bath Shock Kills Boy Of Six

"MATRON WAS INDISCREET," SAY INQUEST JURY

Burnham-on-Sea (Somerset), Mar. 16.
A MATRON'S action in giving a boy at a home for children a tepid shower bath an hour before he died was declared to be "most indiscreet" by a Burnham-on-Sea inquest jury last night.

The boy was Leslie Dowling, aged six, an inmate of York House, Burnham, a home managed by the Somerset Public Assistance Committee.

Kremlin Purge Shrinks Ranks Of Red Rulers

Communist Party Members Number Low Total of About 1,400,000

Moscow, Mar. 3.
Soviet Russia's rulers to-day completed the most drastic "purge" in the history of their far-flung political machine—the Communist Party—through which they maintain a firm grip upon all the diverse peoples and regions of their vast country.

This purge, or "cleaning," as the Russians describe it, has continued without interruption for almost three years. It has reduced the membership of the party from its peak of 3,078,000 in 1932 to about 1,400,000 at present. It has eliminated all whose loyalty to the present ruling faction could possibly be doubted.

Records Examined
Since the Kremlin ordered this "cleaning" in 1933, investigating commissions have visited every district and carefully examined the records of every member. They have considered not only the actions but also the public utterances and private conversations of members.

In May, 1935, the Kremlin decided that this "cleaning" was not severe enough, and ordered a supplementary "check-up" of party documents. Higher party officials, aided by the political police, examined the entire life histories of all members, and eliminated those whose loyalty to the present rulers had been in doubt at any time.

The severity of this purge is illustrated by an incident which the writer is personally familiar with. In a Moscow university the "check-up" revealed that several students in the senior class had gained admission to the party without disclosing the fact that their fathers had once been hostile to the present regime. The students admitted that they had concealed their "social origins" because they did not believe they could otherwise get into the university. Although their records were excellent, they were summarily dismissed from the party and the university, and ordered to leave Moscow.

These students are handicapped not only by the loss of their university degree after several years of work, but also by the fact that expulsion from the party is a "black mark" which may bar them permanently from the highest posts. An applicant for such posts always is asked first, "Are you a member of the party?" and when the answer is in the negative, "Have you ever been expelled from the party?"

Hard Core
The three-year purge which ended to-day admittedly was designed to transform the Communist Party into a hard core of determined men and women whose loyalty to the present rulers of Russia and to the creed they support cannot possibly be questioned.

It has eliminated not only those who accepted membership casually, but also those who sided at any time with Communist factions in opposition to Joseph Stalin.

The 1,400,000 persons eliminated have not only lost their membership in the party but most of them also have lost the posts which they occupied in the state bureaucracy. They must begin to rebuild their careers, knowing that they are unlikely to rise so high again.

Ambitious young men and women in Russia, studying in the official newspapers the results of this purge, are likely to take its lessons to heart. They know that membership in the Communist Party is the royal road to advancement in the huge state bureaucracy. They have seen that membership depends not only upon ability and intelligence, but upon unwavering loyalty, even in private conversation, to the policies and principles outlined by the Kremlin "ideologists."

No More Until June
Admission to the party has been completely closed since the "check-up" of party documents began in May, and will not be reopened until next June. A large number of young men and women, members of the Young Communist League or of the group of "cadets" are preparing to seek admission to the party.

The Kremlin has ordered that they shall be examined much more carefully than in the past. There must be no more "mass campaigns" for membership; every candidate must be thoroughly examined by higher party officials.

Having purged the party of all

It was stated that on the instructions of the matron, Miss Evelyn Nuttall, he was taken for a run in the yard, and he fell about. He deliberately threw himself backwards on to the ground.

"ACTING DAFT"
Miss Nuttall, who was cautioned by the coroner, said that when she told the boy to undress so that she could wash him, he threw himself on the mat as though he were "acting daft" and imitating a drunken man. She took off his coat and he cried and resisted, and seemed to be acting very stupidly and obstinately.

As he seemed slightly cold she thought it would be quicker to take him down, put him under the spray and rub him down. The spray was warm; it never ran hot. She lifted him up in the bath and he threw himself down again. He continued to act in a silly manner, and she went into the next room, thinking that if he had no audience he might get dressed, but she heard whispering and found that he had not dressed.

She took him to the kitchen, placed him on the table, and while she went to the cupboard to fetch bandages for his feet, he had chided himself almost rolled off the table.

SENT FOR DOCTOR
She wondered whether he was "just playing her up," and to test him she tipped him sharply on the leg, but he did not take any notice. She decided to send for the doctor, and put the boy in a blanket by the fire. Later she found he had rolled off the blanket, and as she picked him up he jerked himself violently out of her arms and struck the back of his head against the floor.

She telephoned for the doctor and had the boy taken upstairs to be undressed. When the doctor came he was dead.

The coroner: Do you often give children a shower in the middle of the day? No, sir, I don't. I cannot think of anything more unpleasant than a cold shower on a cold day? It was not a cold shower. It was tepid and the day was not too cold.

Why did you give the boy a shower at two o'clock?—Because I thought it would be quicker than to wash him in the basin. We wash them at any old time they need it.

She did not think the boy was ill until he rolled on to the floor. Perhaps she was prejudiced as he had been talking about wanting the measles in order to have cake and fruit. He was always stunting and had a very cunning way of getting what he wanted.

The coroner: Does that not show that you wanted to stop that with the shower bath?—No, sir, I am afraid you must take my word for it.

HOT WATER USED
Answering a jurymen, she said a kettle of hot water was taken to the bath because the spray was not hot enough.

The foreman: Other witnesses state that they heard the child cry. Did you punish him?—No. It was not my way to punish the children; I do not think I was impatient, and do not think I have anything of that sort to reproach myself with.

Miss Nuttall said that perhaps her children were more hardened than most. They had their meals out of doors from Easter until October, and out of school hours, if it was warm enough, they lived in sun-bathing costumes.

They slept out, and if it was wet, slept in the outdoors.

"If I have made a mistake all I can say is that I deeply regret it," she said. "I did not think I was punishing the child any harm whatever by using that method of washing him. I did not do it in any way for punishment."

Dr. Maxwell Hall, medical officer at York House, said the child had numerous bruises.

"I do not think any child of his development should have a tepid shower," he added.

Dr. Geoffrey Carter, a pathologist, said the boy was extremely thin. There were many bruises on the head, arms, and legs. The skin and the blood were unnaturally pink.

In his opinion death was caused: (1) by cold in a case of malnutrition of the body, and (2) the added slight shock from multiple minor injuries.

The jury found that the boy died from shock caused by intense cold in a case of malnutrition of body, and shock from multiple minor injuries.

We consider, they added, "the action of the matron in this case has been most indiscreet."

The coroner called the matron before him and said that he was sure she would take to heart what had been said, and he hoped would bear it in mind in the future.

An official said that the verdict would be conveyed to the county committee.

"doubtful elements," the Kremlin is determined that no persons of potential disloyalty shall again find their way into the political machine.

ROYALISTS IN HOT WATER

The Coconut Struts In London



Charles Maurras, leader of the French Royalists, who together with the editor of *Action Française* has been accused of provocation to murder following the assault on Leon Blum, the famous Socialist Deputy.

Etonians Throng House Of Commons

SEXTET IN CABINET London, Mar. 15.

THE latest club for Etonians seems to be the House of Commons.

Of the 615 members of the present Lower House, 104 were educated at Britain's most famous public school.

The great majority of these belong to the National Government, but two, Mr. F. W. Patnick-Lawrence and Dr. Hugh Dalton, are in the Labour Opposition, while the leader of the Opposition Liberals, Sir Arthur Sinclair, is also an Etonian.

Six Etonians—Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, Mr. Anthony Eden, Viscount Halifax, Mr. Oliver Stanley, Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore, and Viscount Halifax—are members of the Cabinet. This continues an old tradition in British politics. Between 1801 and 1935 91 old Etonians attained cabinet rank. This is a better record than can be shown by any other English school.

HARROW IS SECOND

The nearest rival is Harrow, which, in the same period, provided 42 cabinet ministers. In the present Cabinet there are four Harrovians. There were Harrovians in every Cabinet until Mr. Gladstone's Administration of 1868. The first British Cabinet to contain no Etonians was Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's first Labour Government of 1924.

Nine members of the present Administration were educated at Oxford, and two (Mr. Stanley Baldwin), Prime Minister, and the president of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman) went to Cambridge. This brings the total number of Oxford cabinet ministers since 1801, when it first became possible to make detailed tabulations, to 133. Cambridge's representation is 88, leaving about 150 who went to neither university.

Story of Major's 12-mile Walk at Unknown Woman's Funeral

A statement that a 59-year-old Jersey major, who was alleged to have fraudulently identified an unknown woman's body in an attempt to cover up alleged income tax frauds, and walked twelve miles behind the coffin to the grave, was made at Newcastle Police Court.

This was the fourth day of the hearing of income tax fraud charges against Arthur Harry Taylor, retired major, of West Park-avenue, St. Helier, Jersey; Mrs. Kate Emily Taylor, of Twitford-road, Whitby Bay, his wife; and Patrick Joseph Kelly, a former inland revenue official, of Dover-street, London, W.1.

James George Tottingham, an investigation officer of the Department of Inland Revenue, said that when he was interviewing Mrs. Taylor he found her "was talking with a person who was dead."

"FOUND DROWNED"
"I asked Mrs. Taylor if she was aware that she, as Miss Kate Emily Taylor, had been found drowned in the River Len in 1925," continued witness, "and she said, 'Yes.' She then told me: 'My husband had the body photographed, and claimed it as that of his half-sister, Len.'"

London, Mar. 18.
The lowly coconut has been putting on airs and showing Londoners proof of its unremembered talents in an exhibition at Ceylon House.

Visitors were shown that a coconut is not merely a coconut, but also among other things, a soap, a strup, a beauty preparation and a food.

The coconut's uses, it appears, are varied. One can: Bore holes in it and drink the milk; coconut oil from it for soap, candles and margarine.

Make sirup out of it. Cut it to resemble "Uncle Fred." Make it into yarn, brooms, thatch, matting, ship's cables and brushes.

Burn it to produce the best charcoal for use in the filter compartments of gas masks.

Star it on a stick and throw wooden balls at it. This versatility on the part of the coconut, and the chemist is, however, paralleled in almost every other product in the world.

NO WASTE NOW
According to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in London, called in to throw the searchlight of knowledge on the situation, the only two waste products which are really waste nowadays are straw and sawdust.

Research workers have tried making artificial silk out of straw, but under modern conditions it really seems best to heap it all together in a corner and make a bonfire.

Sawdust has been used in making porous bricks, without much success. It is a problem to all lumber mills. It is a problem which grows in extent daily. Sawdust accumulates so quickly that it is claimed in long established sawmills that next to looking for a needle in a haystack the most difficult search is to find the mill in the sawdust.

Nevertheless chemists have succeeded in finding a use for almost every product of almost everything. So much so that some folk complain there is a tendency to make a synthetic product so that the original material it replaces can be used to produce something else synthetic.

MILK ORNAMENTS
Milk is now being used, research workers announce, for making ornaments. Compressed, it looks good on the mantel. Umbrella handles are made from milk. They aged to be made from wood in the old days, until a new use was found for the wood.

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RADIO BROADCAST

Davertry—Description Of The Grand National

TALK ON THE RACES

From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres (845 kilocycles): 4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme. 6.30 p.m. Children's Studio Concert. 7.25 p.m. Symphony No. 4 (Italian) in A Major (Mendelssohn). 7.25-7.50 p.m. Vocal Gems. The Three Musketeers; Piano Teacher. 7.50-8 p.m. From the Studio. "Book Reviews" by A.D. 8 p.m. Time and Weather Report; Stock Quotations. 8.05-8.10 p.m. "Liebestraum" (Liszt). 8.10-8.20 p.m. From the Studio. "To-morrow's Racing" by Valley. 8.20-8.30 p.m. Three Songs by Gracie Fields. 1. You and the Night and the Music; 2. "Erbert" Enery "Eppelwhite"; 3. Things might have been so different. 8.30-9.20 p.m. A Relay from Daventry.

8.30 p.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall. 9 p.m. Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter). 9.20-9.30 p.m. Columbia Concert Orchestra. Love in Idleness (Macbeth); Indiana Sweetheart (Hansen); The Trailing Arbutus (Friedman). 9.30-10 p.m. From the Studio. "Half an hour of English Music." Singer—Mrs. J. Anderson Miller (Soprano). At the Piano—Lindsay A. Lafford. Programme. 1. O Peace, thou fairest child of Heaven; 2. Arno; The Cuckoo Madrigal (Irish folk song); arr. Wood. Mrs. J. Anderson Miller; 2. Piano Solos—Selected. Lindsay A. Lafford; 3. So early in the morning O. Frank Bridge; Silent Noon. Vaughan Williams; Lullaby. Cyril Scott. Mrs. J. Anderson Miller; 4. Piano Solos—Selected. Lindsay A. Lafford; 5. Where the bee sucks. Sullivan; Love went a-riding. Frank Bridge; Mrs. J. Anderson Miller. 10 p.m. Big Ben. 10.11.30 p.m. A Relay from Daventry. 10 p.m. Geiger and his Orchestra, relayed from Claridge's Hotel, London. 10.20 p.m. "Under Big Ben." A talk by Howard Marshall. 10.30 p.m. Geiger and his Orchestra continued. 10.50 p.m. "The Grand National," described in two parts as follows: by R. C. Lytle (from Messrs. Topham's private stand (for that part of the course on the grandstand side of Becher's and Valentine's Brooks, and by W. Hogbush (from the Canal Turn) for the remainder of the course, including Becher's Brook, the canal turn, and Valentine's Brook. Relayed from Antree. 11.30 p.m. Close Down.

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(G.S.N., G.S.D., G.S.R.) 2.15 p.m. Big Ben. Talk "Foreign Affairs." 2.30 p.m. The Composer at Piano-forte—Hamilton Harry. A recital of Hamilton Harry's songs. 2.55 p.m. A Reading from "Reminiscences of an Irish R.M." 3 p.m. Music Intervals. Greenwich Time Signal at 3.15 p.m. 3.15 p.m. The Bentley Colliery Silver Band. 4 p.m. The News and Announcements. 6.25 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 2
(G.S.J., G.S.C.) 7 p.m. Big Ben. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 7.45 p.m. A Recital by Frederick Hall. Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m. 8 p.m. "The Parish," by play by August Strindberg. 8.30 p.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 9 p.m. The News and Announcements. 9.25 p.m. Brass Band Concert. 9.45 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 3
(G.S.O., G.S.E.) 10 p.m. Big Ben. Geiger and his Orchestra. 10.30 p.m. "Under Big Ben." 10.35 p.m. Geiger and his Orchestra (cont'd). 10.50 p.m. The Grand National, directed by Henry Hall. 11 p.m. "Tenebrae Paradise." 12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. 12.50 a.m. The Hotel Metropole Orchestra. 1 a.m. Close down.

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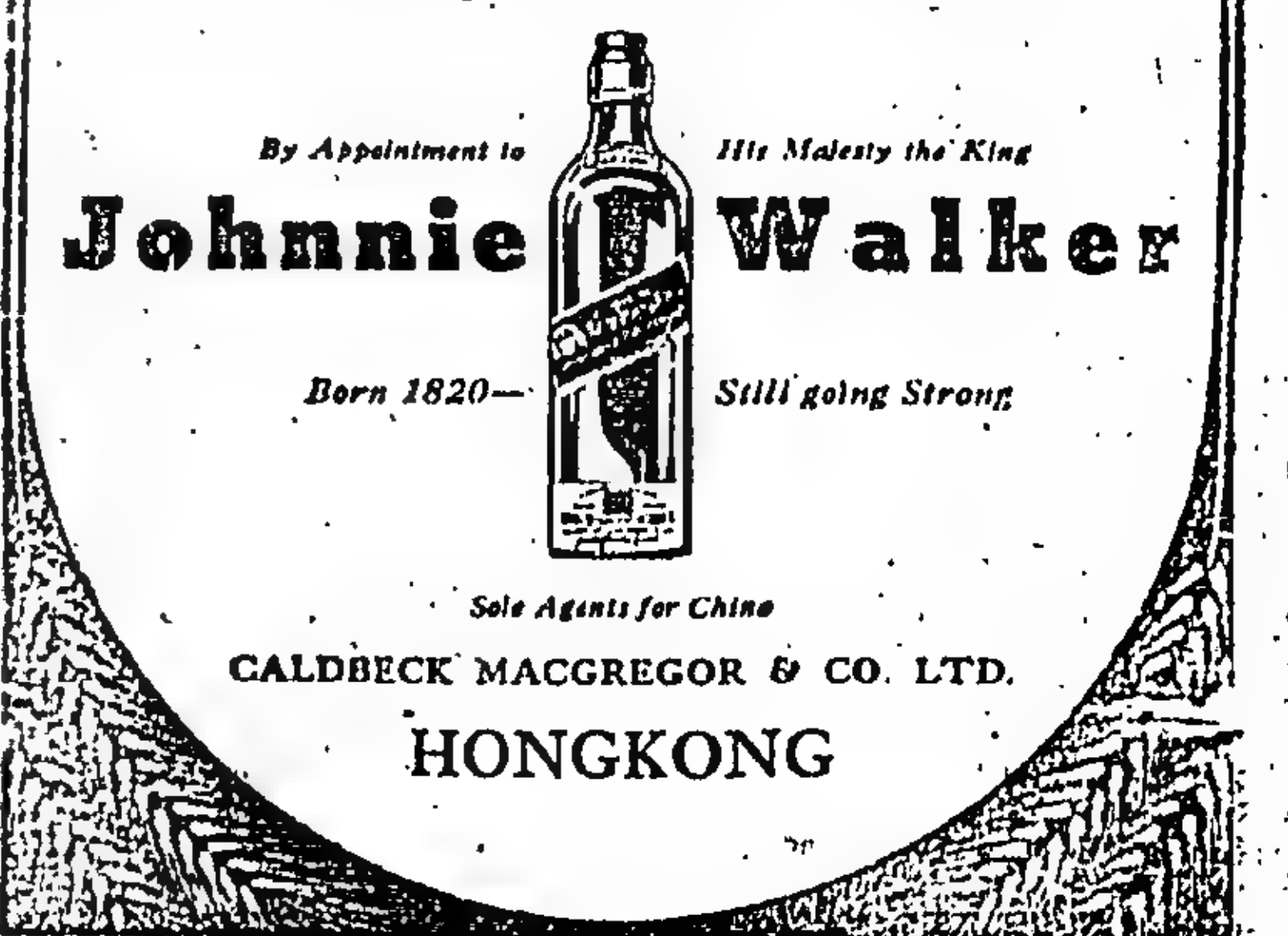
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WHO WILL WIN THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP?

ALL ABOUT TO-MORROW'S RACE MEETING

NINE EVENTS WHICH WILL PROVIDE PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT

PONIES CLASSIFIED

COMMITTEE DOES GOOD WORK

(By "Captain Foster")

The classification list, issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 17, for Australian and China Ponies was published in this paper last week, and to-morrow racing enthusiasts will have the opportunity of seeing some of this year's Subs. and Griffins running against the Old Ponies.

The list is somewhat a lengthy one, there being no fewer than 50 China Ponies in the "D" standard, while in the "C" division the strength is just over two scores, and the two classes amounting to exactly 100 ponies. As compared with last year, the figures have dropped considerably for there were 80 ponies in the "D" and 58 in the "C" class and there were in all 138 ponies.

Undoubtedly the Classification Committee must have had some great difficulty in segregating the ponies, and there were, as usual, some disgruntled owners. It will be recalled that the Annual Carnival was held on a heavy and muddy course, and the plate of the going was, without any fear of contradiction, responsible for several reversals of forms. Under the circumstances, the Classification Committee could not have done their work better, and the segregation was, to my mind, done with condescension to the forms displayed at the annual race meeting.

PROMOTED AND DEMOTED

The last classification list was issued on December 31, 1935, and it is interesting to note the promotion of four ponies, namely:

Jungle Jim	From C to B
Soldier of China	"C to B
Tiny Star	"D to C
Young Chap	"D to C

and the following ponies were demoted:

Cavalade	From C to D
King's Justice	"C to D
Night View	"C to D
Ribble	"C to D
Soldier of Germany	"B to C
Soldier of Victory	"B to C

Honeycomb, the winner of the Hongkong Derby, and King, the winner of the Colonial Stakes, who lost the coveted Blue Riband through boring-in, are in the "B" class while Rose Evelyn, "Miss Champion" of the Carnival is in the "C" standard together with the disappointed Royal Scot.

OPENING EVENT

Laughing Girl To Win

There are the usual nine races on the race card to-morrow and the opening event, the Colonial Stakes, over a mile has drawn only six entries. I don't think that we have to go very far to look for the winner as Laughing Girl should have no trouble in presenting her card to the judges. I figure that Tyne is dangerous and may turn the tables. His best run was in the Black Rock Stakes at the annual race meeting when he finished third to King's Sceptre and Royal Consort, but I firmly believe that the going was not to his liking and it may be of interest to know that to-morrow Tyne has an allowance of 5 lbs. Silver Smith who was on the pick list for a while, is now O.K. and is certainly worth \$5, each way.

ROSEHILL PLATE

Promise of Very Good Race

The Rosehill Plate over six furlongs for non-winning Australian Ponies of this season should produce a good race between Honey, Violet Queen and Zodiac, and the first named pony has the reputation of being a sprinter. We must not overlook Gold Dragon, who is now owned by Mr. Reidy, but I am afraid that Ranger, belonging to Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster, may find the distance too short.

By virtue of not earning any stake-money at the annual meeting, Honey has an allowance of 6 lbs. and this should bring her to the limelight. Brutus has no book-form to show, but last Saturday morning he was given a trial spin over the distance and he covered the circuit in 1:27.1/5, romping home in 23.2/5 seconds. It must be admitted that the gallop was not a bad performance and with an allowance of 6 lbs. coupled with Mr. Proulx at the wheel, this Bay gelding has every prospect of upsetting the apple-cart.

CIVIL SERVICE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A tennis tournament will be held at the Civil Service Cricket Club on Sunday next, March 29, starting at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Members are asked to support this event.

VERY OPEN RACE

Mirs Bay Handicap Prospects

The gentleman in charge of handling out the poundage has not lost sight of the success of Cossack's Beauty and King's Warden at the Annual Carnival and these two ponies together with Soldier of Britain are all at the top of the ladder in the Mirs Bay Handicap. From the two mile point, once round and in, Ghidini, who was beaten by King's Warden by half-a-length at the last Meeting receives an allowance of only 2 lbs. and this makes the race very open.

It is learned that Diana Bay will weigh out to-morrow and she has been allotted weight for inches. Her best outing was in the Champion Stakes run on February 26, 1935, in which she pulled up lame. Diana Bay started her racing career in 1930. She has to her credit 18 wins with four seconds and earned \$29,000, in stakes to pay for her upkeep.

It was in 1933 that the grey mare met her first Waterloo in Suddo under Mr. Neelan in the New Stables Plate. In the following year she was defeated three times and last year was the first occasion to see her again. "Miss Kana." However, she is not the same Diana Bay and she will have to strike her best form if she intends to be among the placed ponies.

Prod has been kindly treated in the matter of poundage and is dangerous with a novice in the saddle on account of the 5 lbs. jockey allowance. On a hard going, Soldier of Britain is hard to beat.

THE MAIN EVENT

Should Be Best of The Afternoon

The main event of the Meeting will be the Sub-Griffin Spring Handicap over the Champion course for Sub-Griffin Griffins of any season and this will be the best race of the afternoon. A good field is assured and spotting the winner is not easy. Winner is to receive \$600, second gets \$250, and the third prize is \$150. Since the inception of this event in 1934, the race was twice won by the Sub-Griffin of the current year.

It will undoubtedly be of interest to know that both the winners of 1934 and 1935 of this classic, namely, Copper Idol and Wadobridge will line up to-morrow and these two public idols require no further introduction. In 1934 Copper Idol paid \$177 for a win and the latter pony humiliated last year's \$250 winner to the delight of 30 successful backers out of a total of 1,760 tickets sold.

Copper Idol had the pleasure of trouncing some best old stagers such as Warrington, Distie, Partnership and Racing Boy and he did not have very much a pull in the matter of weights.

Wadobridge gave Distie an awful beating last year by four lengths, and I wonder whether any Subs. of this year will be able to repeat the performances of these two warriors.

Of the 18 entries, there are five

sub-griffins of this season, namely, Mountain View and Rose Evelyn and I sincerely hope that I am not exaggerating in saying that any of this bunch can do the hat-trick. There is no denying that Rose Evelyn won all her races at the "Annual" in easy fashion and to-morrow we should be able to size her up against the Old Subs. The handicapper has ranked her 7 lbs. over the weight for inches and this speaks very highly of her energy and speed as against 10 lbs. penalty imposed on Distie and Tiny Star.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Gold Sovereign, who finished third to Wild Cat, and Rose Evelyn in the Tystam Handicap "A" division is nicely in with only 148 lbs. but I hear he is going to start in the Union Plate over six furlongs which race is confined to non-winning Sub-Griffin of this season.

Mountain View, the winner of Governor's Cup, is set to carry weight for inches and will be ridden by a novice who is going to claim 5 lbs. allowance.

The manner in which Young Chap beat Distie by 1 1/2 lengths in the Northern Stakes at the annual meeting, was so convincing that he has been allotted 164 lbs. and Warrington has to weigh out at 160 lbs. Double Chance, Lucky Strike and Valley View have been fairly treated and the last named pony seems to be in good condition. Every pony has a good chance to win.

PROBABLE STARTERS

The following are the probable starters and jockeys:

Illios (Mr. Harris)
Distie (Mr. S. N. Pan)
Copper Idol (Mr. Tang Man Wa)
Emergency Call (?)
Lucky Strike (Mr. Ip Kui Ying)
Mountain View (Mr. W. H. Choy)
Racing Boy (Mr. D. Black)
Rose Evelyn (Mr. Dietz)
Seventeenth of September (Mr. P. K. Lee)
Tiny Star (?)
Valley View (Mr. S. Y. Liang)
Wadobridge (Mr. G. R. Ryan)
Young Chap (Mr. H. C. Pih)

COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP

First Leg of the Daily Double

The first leg of the Daily Double is on the Commonwealth Handicap for "C" Class over a mile to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time, and here is another conundrum to find the winner.

There is always a lot of amusement and fun in the novice event but the inclusion of Ribble, Soldier of Germany and Soldier of Victory, who were only demoted last week from the "B" standard, gives me a terrible headache in trying to solve the problem. We have a good race and the following ponies will weigh out.

Isolot Bay (Mr. Choy Wing-chiu)
Donovan (Mr. Poy)
Flybricht (Mr. Harris)
Great Hall (Mr. K. W. Fung)
High Honour (Mr. H. Botelho)
High Speed (?)
King's Sceptre (Mr. C. Taylor)
Mayflower (Mr. C. F. Chiu)
Mersey (Mr. Yuen Wing-kwai)
Pride of Tintagoe (?)
Rabbit (Mr. R. M. Wood)
Royal Highness (Mr. H. Pearce)
Soldier of Germany (Mr. H. Pearce)
Soldier of Peace (Mr. F. Li)
Valorous (Mr. S. L. Yuen)
What A Chance (Mr. K. I. Ip)
Zero (Mr. H. Browning)

I understand that there may be a possibility of Soldier of Peace not starting owing to frog trouble in the near fore-leg and if he does not accept, Mr. Li will probably take out High Speed.

I have not heard who is going to ride Pride of Tintagoe, and Soldier of Germany, who is in the pink of condition.

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THIS EVENING'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Season Drawing To Close

Fire Brigade have already completed their mixed doubles league badminton programme and Kowloon Tong follow suit this evening when they meet St. Andrew's in their last match of the season.

Two other matches are also being played which will bring Revere "B" to 15, C.R.C. total to 15, St. Andrew's to 14, Talkoo to 11 and Sailors and Soldiers Home to 14. Chinese Recreation Club, St. Andrew's and Revere "B" are almost certain winners this evening. The match between St. John's and Revere "A" will be played later as the rearranged men's doubles between St. John's and Elliot Hall "A" is being decided this evening.

MIXED DOUBLES

Talkoo v. Chinese R.C.
St. Andrew's v. Kowloon Tong
Revere "B" v. S. and S. Home

MEN'S DOUBLES

St. John's v. Elliot Hall "A"

R. Abbit's Cricket Notes To-morrow

R. Abbit's cricket notes, which appear regularly in the Telegraph each Friday, are unavoidably held over until to-morrow. They will be of special interest, as they include an analysis of the prospects for to-morrow's league championship deciding match between University and Kowloon Cricket Club. The notes will also deal fully with the coming week-end cricket.

TIO NOT TO PLAY

AGAINST POLICE

S. CHINA'S FULL SHIELD TEAM

(By "Veritas")

Tio Hian-gwin, the Dutch East Indies footballer, will not play for South China "A" against Police in their important league match at Kowloon to-morrow. He is being rested for the International Charity Cup final on Sunday. South China will revert to their Senior Shield final line-up, namely:—Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-long, Ip Pak-wa and Tay Quan-liang.

With all due respect to Tio this is probably the best team South China can field as it is a team of understanding, one which has learnt to co-ordinate in all departments and is without a weakness.

Police too will not be sorry to meet the same team as they have probably profited by their Shield final experience and will be better able to anticipate the forward line movements. They may also have discovered that in order to score goals against such a sound defence they must concentrate on "down-the-middle" passes to Johnson, who can turn such passes to good account almost as well as can Lee Wai-long.

MOSS RETURNING

Against S. China To-morrow

Police expect but one change from the Senior Shield team. It is hoped Moss will return to the left wing to the exclusion of Britain, in which case the line-up will be:—McCarthy; Blackburn and C. Pitt; North, Gough and Parker; T. Pitt, Stevens, Johnson, Brooks and Moss. Playing on the Railway Ground is likely to benefit Police. South China certainly don't relish playing there. It is not their lucky ground, and they always appear to be upset by the curious side-to-side slope.

Furthermore they will have to play better than they did against the Navy if they wish to win. The most likely outcome is a draw, but if Police obtain an early lead then I, for one, expect them to win.

Cambridge Full Course Trial Is Faster

London, Mar. 26. Cambridge University boat race crew accomplished their full course trial to-day eleven seconds faster than Oxford's row yesterday.

Taken on the flood tide the trial was completed in 18 minutes 43 seconds, which was afterwards stated to be "satisfactory".

They stroked an average of 35 to the minute, finishing with a burst of 40.—*Reuter*.

Meeting of Referees Association

The half monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association, Sports Club, third floor, King's Building, on Monday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

THREE TEAMS IN RUNNING

Police Well Placed

(By "Veritas")

A month ago any bookmaker would have been prepared to offer odds of 10 to 1 on against South China "A" winning the first division championship. The same bookmaker to-day would not quote less than evens. A remarkable change has been effected in the relative league records of the leading first division teams during this period. South China "A" have lost a series of matches while their nearest rivals have been persistently piling on the points.

To-day the position is that, ignoring those future games in which the results appear to be very doubtful, Police have a better chance than either South China "A" or the Athletic of winning the league. Police have eight outstanding matches as against South China's nine and Athletic's eleven. Of these Police can confidently expect to win six, as can South China, while Athletic would appear to be safe for another seven victories.

Sandwiched between these matches, Police have to meet South China "A" Athletic and Revere, while South China, in addition to their Police encounter, have to play Athletic and Revere in a fourth difficult tie against the Club.

It will thus be seen that these three teams can cut each other's throats, while Revere may be instrumental in deciding which of them shall win the title.

SIGNIFICANT MATCH

It is also clear that to-morrow's match between Police and South China "A" is of tremendous significance, and if there is a definite result, the winners may well find those two points sufficient to give them the championship.

There is a long way to go before the end of the season, but on current form indications are the championship will rest between Police, South China "A" and Athletic. Fustlers, South China "B" and Club have outside chances, but they are very slender.

Athletic and Police appear to be faced with somewhat stiffer programmes than South China "A". Navy, recent conquerors of the championships, as well as South China "B", Revere and Athletic.

Athletic have the Club, Royal Ulster Rifles, Fustlers, Revere and South China "B" in addition to their engagements with Police and South China "A".

South China "A", over and above their games with Police and Athletic, have to face Royal Ulster Rifles, Fustlers, Revere and South China "B", although the last-named match should hold no terrors for them.

So far as I have been able to check up from the records the following are the engagements confronting these three teams.

POLICE
To play:—Navy, South China "A", St. Joseph's, Athletic, Kowloon, East Lanes, Revere, and S. China "B".

SOUTH CHINA "A"
To play:—Police, Royal Ulster Rifles, Royal Welch Fusiliers, St. Joseph's, Athletic, East Lanes, Revere, South China "B" and R.A. Stonecutters.

ATHLETIC
To play:—Club, Rifles, South China "A", Police, Fustlers, St. Joseph's, R.A. Lyman, East Lanes, Revere, South China "A", and R.A. Stonecutters.

S. CHINA "B" CHANGES

LEE KAM IS NOT PLAYING

South China "B" will make positional changes in the defence for their league match to-morrow against Royal Artillery, Stonecutters. Lee Kam is not playing and Leung In-chun is put in the half back line. The composition of the attack has not been finally settled and will be chosen from Ip Ng-po, Yeung Shui-yick, Ho Ka-kung, Ho Ka-keung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lai Shui-wing. The team will therefore be selected from:—

Pau Ka-ping; Yeung Chi-cheung and Yu Hing-yuen; Leung In-chun; Lam Tak-po and H. Young; Ip Ng-po, Yeung Shui-yick, Ho Ka-keung, Ng Po-kul, Lai Shui-wing and Cheuk Shek-kam.

16 PAIRS OF EYES WILL BE FOCUSED ON THESE



The handsome open doubles tennis championship challenge cups, for which eight pairs will enter into competition on the stand court at the H.K.C.C. next week. (Photo: S. A. Rumjahn).

TSUI YUN-PUI'S FINE BACKHAND

MAKES SUCCESS POSSIBLE IN OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

YESTERDAY'S IMPROVED DISPLAYS

(By "Veritas")

Tsui Yun-pui appears to have reached that stage experienced by most tennis players when, in an effort to strengthen a weakness in one department, he has sacrificed the potency of another. Thus yesterday against Lu Tak-cheuk his forehand, hitherto a brilliant stroke, was irregular and inaccurate, while on the backhand, previously most vulnerable, he revealed marked skill and consistency.

In Tak-cheuk apparently considered Tsui's earlier successes on the backhand were but flashes of brilliance not to be repeated, and he continued to concentrate his chief attacking shots to this corner. But Tsui always had the right return, sometimes a fine passing shot straight down the line, or a neat half court chop which sent the ball across Lu's body as he rushed in to the net.

Against this Tsui took two whole sets to bring his forehead into anything like proper functioning, and if Lu had hammered away at this hand, he might have finished a winner instead of a loser.

SOME OF THE BEST-YET
This match produced some of the best singles tennis to date in the championship. Both players delighted with some excellent stroke play, but the more aggressive player, Lu, was the more aggressive player, but his tactics reacted upon him when he endeavoured to rush the net on ordinary drives which Tsui was able to put away with ease.

Tsui appeared to get at least two sets to get the "feel" of the court, the balls, and his own strokes. Because of this he was strictly on the defensive for the major part of the match. But it was a paying game and he was able to open up halfway through the crucial set when Lu was getting rather leg weary and out of breath.

I have never seen Lu play better tennis. He was easily the better player in the first set which he decisively won at 6-4. During this time he had Tsui running all over the place and usually scored his points by deft volleying with Tsui hopelessly out-of-position.

Tsui improved in the second set, finding gaps in Lu's defence by means of hard driving and an occasional net excursion. He took the set easily, but did not have the expected runaway in the final stanza. Lu regained much of his lost confidence and held Tsui up to three-all, these six games being full of enthralling tennis with players raiding the forecourt in turn.

Thereafter Lu, presumably in an effort to rush Tsui out of his well timed stroking, took the net at the slightest opportunity, but Tsui tightened up on his ground strokes and found he could pass his opponent with almost anything. He went to his match points with a series of excellent backhand drives and a good volley here and there.

WELL NIGH PERFECT
Lai Kwong-tsun and Paul Kong played well nigh perfect tennis to beat S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok in the doubles. The winners played well within their powers; but every thing they attempted came off. Kong volleyed in a most polished manner while Lai drove faultlessly for fourteen games.

The Lo brothers enjoyed quite a little triumph. Losing the first three games to Cossack and Remedios, of whom big things have been expected, the Lo combination proceeded to outwit the youthful Portuguese couple and to beat them in straight sets more by tactics than anything else.

M. K. Lo proceeded to toss the balls high into the air and had Cossack making all sorts of mistakes while M. W. Lo quick to realise that the opposition was cracking up, went

up to the net to cut off weak returns. Cossack and Remedios could not recover from the shock of seeing their three games lent wiped out and the Los won the first set at 6-4, and although the second set went to 14 games the Lo brothers always looked good for the set.

Full results of yesterday's matches were:—
Open Singles.—Tsui Yun-pui beat Lu Tak-cheuk 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.
Open Doubles.—M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios 6-4, 8-6. Paul Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 6-1, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS MATCHES

Two matches of no little interest are to be played this afternoon in the tennis championships. J. W. Leonard and Lai Kwong-tsun meet in the third round of the singles, while L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce, highly regarded in some quarters, play their first match together in the open doubles, being opposed to Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam.

Leonard will probably find Lai too fast for him although the Craigie-gower player is certain to put up a good show and may easily force the issue to three sets.

If Lu Tak-cheuk plays as well as he did yesterday and his brother is good up to par I think they will beat Goldman and Pearce. Whatever the result it will be surprising if the match does not go the full distance.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following matches have been arranged for to-day:
Open Singles.—Lai Kwong-tsun v. J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. R. Choa.
Open Doubles.—T. A. Pearce and L. Goldman v. Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam.
Club Handicap Singles.—J. N. Grace v. E. F. Buttress.
Club Handicap Doubles.—B. O. M. Duane and G. R. Divett v. R. M. Wood and G. Polglase. Thomson and M. Pugh v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer.

W. C. CHOY RETURNS

Cambridge Player Back From Shanghai

W. C. Choy, the former Cambridge lawn tennis player, who went to Shanghai to participate in the trials for the selection of China's Davis Cup team, returned to the Colony by the Scharnhorst yesterday.

The Civil Service Cricket Club will be holding a tennis tournament on Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

CHINA'S DAVIS CUPPERS

SAILING FOR EUROPE IN THE VICTORIA

Shanghai, March 26. China's two Davis Cup players, Gordon Lum and Kho Sie-kio left for Europe aboard the "Victoria". W. C. Choy, the Cambridge tennis player, is joining the ship at Hongkong.

The fourth selection, Guy Cheng, is going to Paris from New York.—*Reuter*.

THIS MORNING'S RACING GALLOPS AT VALLEY

PONIES STRIKE GOOD FORM FOR TO-MORROW

	Distance	1st. Qr.	2nd. Qr.	Last Qr.
Macaroni	1/4	31		31
Soldier of China	1/4	29.2		29.2
Ribble	1/4	34.3	1.05.4	31.1
Electron	1/4	31	58.4	27.4
Derby Day	1/4	30.2		30.2
Diana Bay	1/4	33.1	1.04.3	31.2
Pontine Bay	1/4	33.2	1.05.3	32.1
Honey	1/4	27		27
Double Chance	1/4	33.3	1.06.1	32.3
Mistake Bay	1/4	33.1	1.03.3	30.2
Ranger	1/4	28.2	55	26.3
What a Chance	1/4	31.1	1.02.1	31
Snowy River	1/4	37.1	1.07	29.4
Valorous	1/4	33.3	1.03	29.2
Laughing Girl	1/4	37.4	1.08.1	30.2
Lucky Strike	1/4	29.3		29.3
King's Warden	1/4	31	58.1	27.1
King's Sceptre	1/4	31	58.1	27.1
The Drollin	1/4	33.2	1.03	29.3
Vixen Tor	1/4	32		32
Strathroy	1/4	32	58.4	26.4
King's Justice	1/4	29.1		29.1
King's Jubilee	1/4	28.4		28.4
Stopwatch	1/4	34	1.05	31
Estay	1/4	36.1	1.07	30.4
Castus	1/4	36.1	1.07	30.4
Brutus	1/4	29.2		29.2
Valley View	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Ocean View	1/4	30.4	1.01	30.1
Wadchiden	1/4	31.4	1.01.3	29.4
Shooting Star	1/4	34.1	1.01.1	27
Pride of Tinseltown	1/4	35.1	1.06.4	31.3
King's Bounty	1/4	31.2	1.01.2	30
Strathairn	1/4	32.4	1.04.1	31.2
Shumrock	1/4	32.4	1.04.1	31.2
Copper Idol	1/4	30.1		30.1
Rugby Star	1/4	33.3	1.04	30.2
Rose Evelyn	1/4	33.2		33.2
Heriot	1/4	37	1.08.1	31.1
Mayflower	1/4	31.4		31.4
Great Hall	1/4	29.4		29.4
Philanderer	1/4	29.4	1.02	32.1
Amberley	1/4	28.4		28.4
Plain View	1/4	31.3	1.03	31.2
Belmont Star	1/4	32	1.03.3	31.3
Tinsmith	1/4	27.3	55	27.2
High Honour	1/4	28.2		28.2
Rose Queen	1/4	31.1	1.04	29.4
Mike	1/4	33	1.04.1	31.1
Paymaster	1/4	34.2	1.06	31.3
Burgmaster	1/4	34.2	1.06	31.3
Gold Sovereign	1/4	34.3	1.04	29.2
High Speed	1/4	34.3	1.04	29.2
17th of September	1/4	35.3	1.09.3	31
Royal Highness	1/4	30.2		30.2
Blue Ribbon	1/4	32.4		32.4
Powderidge	1/4	32.4		32.4
Domovoz	1/4	35.2	1.05.2	30
Balloo	1/4	35.2	1.05.2	30
Rousseau	1/4	33.2	1.02.4	29.2
Facing Boy	1/4	32	1.02	30
Judas	1/4	30.1		30.1
Zedias	1/4	31.1	58.1	27
Hopscotch	1/4	31.3		31.3
Tiny Star	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Old Star	1/4	34.2	1.04.4	30.2
Miracle	1/4	33.1	1.03	
Emergency Call	1/4	38.4	1.10.2	
Mersey	1/4	33	1.02.3	
Young Chap	1/4	33	1.02.3	



CATTLE RACING.—On the Island Madera, near Java, the native arrange every year cattle races where the driver is standing on a kind of "carrage" or frame-work which is between the decorated animals.

FRANCE FACING UP TO DAVIS CUP PROBLEM

FORTUNATE THIS YEAR IN THE DRAW

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD UP TEAM

Paris. With the Davis Cup season soon to blossom forth, French tennis officials are beginning to be preoccupied by the composition of this year's team.

Only a few years ago, the French had no need to worry about such problems. France then had her "Four Musketeers" to draw upon and her only problem was the designation of the four players for the singles and doubles roles. Even when Rene Lacoste took sick and was obliged to withdraw, the problem became even less complicated for the three remaining members of the famous combination divided up the matches among themselves.

Now all of that has changed. Each time Davis Cup season approaches, the officials have to go into a huddle to decide on the new lineup. This year the problem is more complicated and consequently there will be a longer huddle than usual.

Last year, France's Davis Cup team consisted of frail Christian Boususs and cocky Andre Meril in the singles and the colourful veteran Jean Borotra and left-handed Marcel Bernard in the doubles. On that occasion France's hopes were killed off in quick and painless fashion. She had the misfortune to draw Australia as a first round opponent.

LUCKIER THIS YEAR
Fortune smiled upon France in the draw this year. She drew China in the first round and the victor of the Morocco-Switzerland meeting in the second, thus practically assuring the Gauls of opposing Czechoslovakia in the European semi-finals.

France's team has not yet been selected, nor will there be any rush to appoint a permanent official team from the beginning. Week first and second round opponents will give the French plenty of opportunity to experiment before selecting the strongest possible team to confront the Czechs.

The squad will probably consist of Boususs, Borotra, Bernard and a group of young hopes headed by 19-year-old Bernard Destreumeau, and including Yvon Petra, Pierre Pelizza and Jacques Jamelin. Meril is already spoken of in the past tense and most likely will not be included in the squad.

THE ONLY CERTAINTIES

Boususs and Borotra are the only two players sure of their places and they will form the nucleus of the new team. Top ranking Boususs

will get one of the singles roles while the second one may be filled by one of two players. Bernard, who ranks right behind Boususs, or Destreumeau, who stands head and shoulders over all the other players of France.

On a good day, Bernard is one of the best players in the world but he is not reliable and little is to be expected of him when the stakes are high. Because of that fact, Destreumeau may get the call. Brilliant, steady but very pretentious, Destreumeau, who wasn't ranked among the first twenty in 1934 and jumped up to fifth last year, is just about ripe for international competition.

He has just completed a most successful indoor season. He lost to Borotra in the final of the French indoor championship and together with the veteran won the doubles title. Losing to Borotra in an indoor final hardly detracts from his reputation for Borotra still ranks among the best in indoor play.

MAY PLAY AGAINST CHINA

Since before many moons, Destreumeau will be the best player extant in France, and head-as-y French Davis Cup team, coach Lacoste may decide to start him off immediately for proper international seasoning. Playing against China and the second round opponents would do him a world of good.

Last year's doubles team of Borotra and Bernard may again be used. Although this is not the ideal tandem, as the easily discouraged Bernard needs a steeper and more reliable partner than the brilliant but erratic Borotra, it is the best combination at the present time. Bernard did surprisingly well last year against Australia, showing up better than his veteran partner.

It might be best all around to junk Borotra now instead of next year and give Petra and Pelizza a chance. Any number of combinations are possible. Petra, 21, who is built like Ellsworth Vines, and Pelizza, short and stocky, have done well together. Either could be teamed up with the more experienced Bernard, who might buck up under the responsibility.—United Press.

The Kowloon C.C. second eleven for the match against the University seconds at Kowloon will be as under: G. Lee, F. E. Lawrence, D. R. Lay, R. Baldwin, A. Dand, F. A. Brundridge, W. Mulcahy, R. G. Craig, V. Durling, T. Carr and A. N. Other.

Our Daily Golf Hint

Fling your hands after the ball. Avoid stiffness, over-anxiety, and carelessness. Concentrate. Concentrate.—J. H. Taylor.

BADMINTON

ST. ANDREW'S WIN AGAIN

USEFUL POINTS

St. Andrew's "A" advanced one stage nearer the third prize in the men's doubles badminton league last night when on the Recreation court they beat Recreation "B" by five games to four.

Only Barros and Beltrao showed up with any distinction for the home team. They won all three games. St. Andrew's, better balanced, shared their winning games. E. F. Fincher and Rex obtaining two, R. H. and F. V. Wong winning two and M. Well and A. S. Blira one.

V.R.C. v. ST. ANDREW'S "B"

Played at St. Andrew's Church Hall, the V.R.C. winning by the odd game in nine. Scores: C. Nolasco da Silva and S. A. Rumlain (V.R.C.) beat L. E. Kirby and F. J. Dawson 21-16; beat S. A. Broadbridge and T. J. A. Hamilton 21-11; beat N.A.E. Mackay and E.H.P. White 21-8.

Fisher and C. C. Pereira (V.R.C.) lost to Kirby and Dawson 8-21; beat Broadbridge and Hamilton 21-6; beat Mackay and White 21-14. Xavier and R. Maxwell (V.R.C.) lost to Kirby and Dawson 4-21; lost to Broadbridge and Hamilton 10-21; lost to Mackay and White 3-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Elliot Hall "A"	10	18	1	119	16	36
Recreation "A"	10	15	1	95	22	30
C.R.C.	10	14	5	111	45	28
St. Andrew's "A"	18	4	0	99	62	28
Elliot Hall "B"	17	12	5	83	43	22
Recreation "B"	15	10	5	73	44	20
St. John's	17	8	9	73	80	16
Royal Brigade	18	10	6	85	85	16
V.R.C.	17	4	13	47	88	8
Kowloon Tong	21	3	19	49	104	6
St. Andrew's "B"	19	2	17	34	102	2
S. and S. Home	17	1	16	30	134	2

The Oxford and Cambridge Society's annual dinner will be held on April 4, 8.15, at the Gloucester Hotel, at 8 p.m. on 8.15. This is the date of the Boat Race, and it is hoped that the running commentary on the Race will be broadcast at the dinner.

All About To-morrow's Race Meeting

"Captain Foster" Selects Most Likely Candidates

(Continued from Page 8.)

condition, will certainly not have any trouble to find a cox.

HIGH SPEED IS BEST BUT—Of the three ponies from the L. T. F's outfit, High Speed is the best, but, being a moody animal, I prefer to leave him out. There is no doubt a better understanding now between Mr. Poy and Donovan and I expect this pony will turn the tables on Royal Highness who managed to nose him out in the Jockey Cup. But Donovan will find a strong opposition in Flyby-night, who has a pull of 1 lb. since they last met and this pony will have the same jockey, Mr. Harris. King's Sceptre is nicely in with only 155 lbs. and this mare is good for short distance. Hoalat Bay, who beat Royal Scot in the Lusitania Cup, holds the post of honour with top weight and I am afraid that the "feather-weight" jockey Mr. Choy, who has to carry at least over 40 odd lbs. lead, will not be "at home" to ride a strong finish.

Last Wednesday morning Mr. Wood galloped Ribble over a mile and the journey was covered in good time. It was not possible in any way to find out what weight he was carrying, but the two partners came home in perfect harmony and surely the combination should be worth 85, each way? Mersey and Valorous will put up a good fight.

THE CALLOPE HANDICAP

Strathroy Carrying Limit Weight

In the Callope Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, Strathroy has been asked to carry the limit weight and there should be a fine race between him and Vixen Tor, who it will be remembered gave a very disappointing display in the Champion Stakes at the annual meeting. Tomorrow Vixen Tor has a pull of 7 lbs. and being a mile event, the mare might just pull through. Shooting Star should get a place.

TAIWAN BAY RACE

Six Ponies—With the Same Weight

There are six ponies, namely, Foxbridge, Glad Eyes, Lemberg, Miracle, Night View and Ythan, all carrying 108 lbs. in the Taiwan Bay Handicap over six furlongs, confined to "D" class and I believe that this constitutes a record. The second leg of the Daily Double event is on this event and I don't think that we have to use the book-form to spot the winner. Ythan is very lucky to be here and should have no trouble in making his acquaintance with the judges. Belmont Star may be a source of danger to the above named ponies and Lemberg should be well up at the finish. Boxer Eve did not move too well last Wednesday morning, but this public idol has a big fighting heart and can be depended upon to do his stuff.

FOUR ASPIRANTS

"Lan" Stable And the Hunghom Bay Race

The stable "Lan" has four aspirants in the Hunghom Bay Handicap "B" Class and it may not be known that Bright View and Jungle Jim love a muddy course, while Harvest View and Soldier of China prefer the hard going. I have not been able to ascertain the probable starters but there is no doubt Mr. Liang will take out the best charger and your investment on his mount is quite safe. King's Bounty and Sadko will don new colours and the running of these two will be watched with interest. King's Justice should give a good account of himself with Mr. Harriman up and the stable mate King's Jubilee will be under Mr. Pih.

The Dynasty's representative Hotman has to carry 10 lbs. less than the weight for inches and should the going be firm, he may collect the first prize. Of Mr. Dunbar's string, Mr. Black prefers Mistake Bay and the mount on Pankine Bay has been given to Mr. Choy Wing-chiu who is going to ride with 5 lbs. less than the allotment.

THE FINAL

The finale will be in the Union Plate for non-winning "Subs. of this season over six furlongs and I cannot see anything to beat The Gorilla with Gold Sovereign and Ocean View following in the rear.

GRAND NATIONAL

LATEST BETTING CALL-OVER

AND STARTERS

London, Mar. 26. Avenger superseded Reynoldstown as second favourite in the betting for the Grand National at tonight's call-over, the prices being quoted as follows.

11 to 4	Golden Miller (t and o)
6 to 1	Avenger (t and o)
10 to 1	Reynoldstown (t and o)
100 to 9	Castle Irwell (o) 12 to 1 (t)
20 to 1	Keen Blade (t and o)
	Don't Crossed (t and o)
25 to 1	Delandego (t and o)
33 to 1	Blue Prince (t and o)
	Emancipator (t and o)
	Lazy Bells (t and o)
40 to 1	Royal Ransome (t and o)
	Provocative (t and o)
	Inverliffe (t and o)
45 to 1	Reckithorn (t and o)
50 to 1	Brienza (t and o)
	Devereux (t and o)
	Killoy (o)
66 to 1	Fernan Sun (t and o)
	Crown Prince (t and o)
	Ego (t and o)
	Bachelor Prince (o)
	Noorland View (o)
	Uddia Heat (o)
	Castle View (o)
	Lynton (o)
	Rod and Gun (o)
100 to 1	Blaze (o)
	Eva Simon (o)
	Pengraik (o)
	Call of Beauf (o)
	Zag (o)

Delandego's jockey Moloney was injured while riding to-day and Nicholson will substitute for him in the Grand National.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 28th March, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. H. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1936.

REMINDER

Queen's College Athletic Sports.

The Sports will be held to-morrow, Saturday, March 28th, on the Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

Caer Clark Champions V. The Rest

MATCH TO-MORROW

The hockey match between the Central British Association Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Cup competition, and the Rest, will be played at Sookunpoo to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.15 p.m., and not on Sunday morning as previously announced.

Prior to this match the H.K. Ladies Hockey Club, winners of the Brawn Cup, will be opposed to the Rest.

A strong team has been selected to represent the Rest against the Caer Clark champions. The side is as follows:

Mrs. J. Lenson (H.K. Ladies); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies) and Miss A. Fowler (Y. Ladies); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss E. Xavier (H.K. Ladies); Miss M. Bell (H.K. Ladies); Miss O. Dalziel (Y. Ladies); Miss S. Dalziel (Y. Ladies); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's); Mrs. M. Read (Y. Ladies) and Miss M. Westcott (Y. Ladies).

Guy's Hospital Defeated

London, March 26. Meeting in a rugby union match to-day, Gloucester beat Guy's Hospital by 27 points to five.—Reuter.

Fulham's Triumph

Fulham scored a great triumph to-day when they visited Sheffield United in a second division league football match and won by the only goal scored.—Reuter.

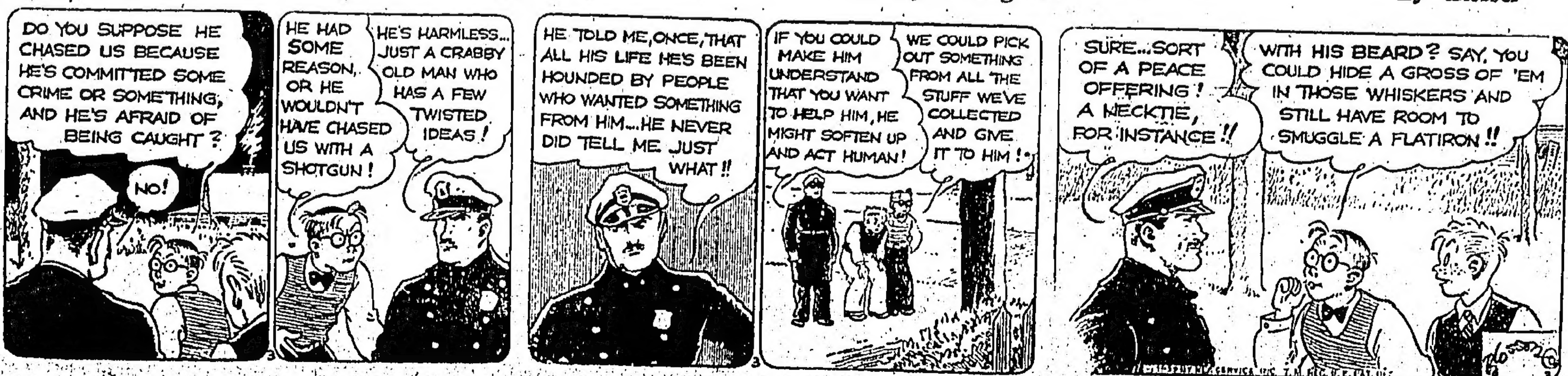
The destination of the Hongkong cricket shield, now in the custody of the Hongkong Cricket Club, will be decided to-morrow afternoon when the Kowloon C.C. and the University meet on the Pokfulam Ground. The following players will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club: F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, F. S. W. Smith, A. W. Ramsey, S. V. Gittins, W. Huang, R. Lee and W. L. Mackenzie.

At the conclusion of the matches, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, President of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association, will present the season's trophies.

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E/Canada	July 24	July 26		July 29	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 12
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THE STORY THUS FAR

Kay Brannan, late of Wellesley, elopes with Bob Dakin, medical doctor. He is drunk, but sober again, is horrified because of Priscilla, his fiancée. Priscilla openly insults Kay so Bob reluctantly consents to Kay's plea that he wait until Spring for a divorce. As the months pass Bob becomes engrossed in his medical work and he and Kay achieve a sort of strained companionship. Priscilla visits Kay one day and Bob drives her home. Hours later he returns from a successful operation highly jubilant. The hospital had located him at Priscilla's. But in the hours of waiting Kay has suffered. She knows now that she loves Bob and that he loves Priscilla. Next day she leaves for Carvel, bidding no one good-bye but Bob's father.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Kay did not announce her homecoming in advance. Once her decision was made, there was no time for a letter, and nothing to be said in a letter that could not be better said first hand. She left no letter of farewell for Bob.

It was impossible even to write without self-betrayal. She took the train to Dexter. The better trains ran to Newfield, and a motor bus service would bring her to Carvel from either town; but if she went home by way of Newfield, bus must pass through Carvel village to reach Carvel's home place, and she dreaded the recognition she must face, the speculations her arrival must provoke.

So she chose to come by way of Dexter; and for the last hour of the northward ride, while the Weave meandered in wide easy curves within sight of the train, she filled her eyes with the familiar contours of the hills, and the pleasant green of the bright countryside. When she alighted at Dexter, she met no one whom she knew. Even the driver of the bus was a young man she had never seen before. It was, she reflected, more than two years since she went away, and many things might in the interval have changed. Yet she smiled faintly at the thought. Carvel did not change.

The bus roared along the winding road, lurching around the curves; and suddenly she saw her home, half hidden by encircling trees, ahead. Her eyes filled blindingly; but as the bus slowed to drop her at her own gate, her heart leaped with a thrilling and incredible happiness; and she alighted smiling. She almost ran across the wide lawn to the side door, and a moment later, weeping like a child, she was in her mother's arms. Kay had an hour alone with her mother, for Will Brannan would not come from the store till suppertime, and Emily was of course at her home, taking care of the baby, preparing supper for George.

For a few minutes after her arrival, Kay was full of questions. Her father? He was well, her mother said. "But he's growing older," Mrs. Brannan explained. "I expect you will see a great change in him. You mustn't let him see, if you're shocked. He doesn't realize it himself, Kay."

"Of course," Kay assured her. "And Emily's fine!" Mrs. Brannan agreed. "She's going to have another baby, you know."

Kay cried: "She is? I didn't know! She hasn't told me. I'll bet George is proud!"

"George is a good man," Mrs. Brannan said gently. "He is doing well, Kay!"

And Kay asked about other townsfolk. Mrs. Brannan patiently told her all the news. Nancy Towne had come home from Holyoke without finishing her course there. "I think she found it hard to keep up with her studies," Mrs. Brannan explained. "Nancy was always a little untidy. People seem to think she will marry Ethan Frame's son, Clemons, she said, had left the Post Office and gone to Concord as assistant at the State Library. A political appointment. Lillian Radford was teaching in the Carvel schools. "She says she's stopped struggling."

"She says she's stopped struggling," Mrs. Brannan added, with a little chuckle of mirth. "Lillian's a nice girl. Lots of fun. Emily's very fond of her." Chuck Webster's fling station had become a garage and then an agency for one of the new cars, and he was prospering. Ned Foster was back in charge of the Power Plant. He was not very well, had had a nervous breakdown. He and George were good friends, and Ned saw a good deal of George and Emily. Charley Radford's shingle mill had burned down, and Charley was dead. "How is Elmer?" Kay prompted, smiling at many memories.

"He's still working for the Company," Mrs. Brannan replied. "You'll find him changed, too."

But Kay had no questions at all; her long reflection began to be conspicuous and disquieting, and Kay said at last ruefully: "I expect you've wondering how I happened to burst in on you without any warning or anything."

Mrs. Brannan smiled. "I never quarrel with good luck, Kay," she said, with as much affection as she was ever likely to show. "I'm too glad to have you here, afraid if I tell you, you'll vanish again. We've missed you."

"I know," Kay assented. She said thoughtfully: "I should have come home when I left college. This is the place for me."

"Places don't matter so much," Mrs. Brannan suggested. "It's what people do in them."

"I've done some wild things," Kay admitted, laughing a little recklessly. "I might as well tell all about it!"

"Don't tell me anything you shouldn't," Mrs. Brannan advised. She hesitated for a moment, then said: "I expect there is trouble between you and Bob. But Kay, it's a mistake to tell your family about quarrels with your husband. You forgive him, by and by; but they never do, and it makes for friction later on."

Kay smiled, shook her head. "No quarrel at all, Mother," she insisted. "Bob's fine!" She hesitated, her face twisting in a grimace of pain. "The only way to tell it is in plain words," she said bravely. "Then it only hurts for a minute. After I left college, I was desperately afraid I'd have to come back to Carvel. I expect I set my cap for every man I met. I was ready to marry almost anyone, as long as I didn't have to come back here. Lots of men were nice to me, but most of them were boys. Dane Ripley gave me a big rush, but he didn't ask me to marry him. Then I lost my job, and Dane invited me to a yacht-party at the boat race. I wrote you about that. And I went, feeling pretty desperately that this was my last chance. And it was rotten!"

She hesitated, scanning her memories; but Mrs. Brannan nodded in

the most matter-of-course fashion, waiting for Kay to go on.

"I used to take a drink, sometimes, Mother," Kay confessed. "I'd had too many that night! I wasn't drunk; but things weren't real. And when I had to get away from Dane, a boat came along past where we were anchored, and I asked them to put me ashore. I meant to take a train for Boston."

"But Bob was in the boat; and he was drunk too. He wanted to drive me back to Boston, and I let him, and we got lost, and he asked me to marry him. And I—did." She looked at Mrs. Brannan appealingly. "I'd never met him before. He was engaged, and I knew it. Oh, there's no excuse for me!"

Mrs. Brannan said mildly: "We know, of course, that it was sudden, because you hadn't mentioned him in your letters before. And of course Emily knew his reputation."

Kay nodded. So the girl he was engaged to was meant to be, naturally, she explained. "His people were so nice I was ashamed of myself; but this girl—her name's Priscilla Hyde—said something that infuriated me, and I told Bob he'd have to marry me for a while."

"I just hung on, and hung on, like a dog in the manger." She hesitated, made a movement of finality with her hand. "But now I'm going to let him divorce me," she finished.

Mrs. Brannan was sitting in a rocking-chair. She had been motionless; but now she selected a sock from a basket beside the chair and began to darn it, rocking gently to and fro. "So you see, I've been pretty bad," Kay said, pleadingly, pleading for reprobation, for scorn, Mrs. Brannan did not speak, and Kay insisted: "You see that, Mother? What a hussy I am?"

Mrs. Brannan smiled at her. "Why, I always rather liked you, Kay," she admitted.

"Of course, you would," Kay agreed, choking, trying to laugh. "But I mean—" She could not speak.

"Bob seems to have—behaved well," Mrs. Brannan suggested. "Once the harm was done." She looked at Kay briefly.

"Oh, he's been great," Kay stammered. "He's—"

"I see," Mrs. Brannan commented. And Kay, looking at her, saw complete comprehension in the older woman's eyes.

She nodded dumbly. "I do love him," she said. "But I couldn't—hang on to him, ruin everything for him. He's still in love with Priscilla." And she admitted bravely: "If I didn't care for him, I could."

"Of course," Mrs. Brannan assented. She was busy with the sock for a while; chuckled to herself. "Your father always wears out his socks in the same place," she declared. "On his little toe. Just look at this one. I say, I've darned it half a dozen times in this one spot already; the rest of it, except in that one place, is almost as good as new."

"I think I'll call up Emily," Kay decided. "I'm crazy to see her again. Has she changed?"

"She's grown-wise and sweet and strong," said Mrs. Brannan, with a calm content.

So Kay went to the telephone, and Emily was speechless and then, vocal with delight; and she urged that they all come to supper, but Kay would not. "We'll wait over after supper," she promised. Emily protested at this insufferable delay; but Kay persisted too. "I don't want to see a lot of people yet," she explained. After dark, they won't recognize me. And Emily, with the baby to put to bed, and George's supper to prepare, was forced to submit.

Then Will Brannan came home, and Kay had to fight to hide her dismay at the sight of her father. He had lost much weight, he seemed to have lost in stature too, and his hair was white and his cheek gray with age. He had always worn a sort of sprightly gaiety; and now he laughed with pleased surprise at the sight of her, kissed her, pinched her cheek, asked where Bob was and forgot to listen to her answer. She perceived after a little that he had begun to withdraw from the world; that he was not attentive to what went on about him. He lived remotely, behind this cheerful surface which he wore. Even before supper was ready, he was deep in his paper; and at the table he heard only half the conversation between Kay and her mother. He might catch the top end of a sentence, and demand to know what they had been saying, and Mrs. Brannan at such moments would patiently retrace the ground just covered.

"Kay said so and so, and I said, and she said—" But before the explanation was complete, his attention would have wandered again.

Kay watched him with a commiserating tenderness in her eyes. Afterward, while she was helping her mother with the dishes, Mrs. Brannan asked: "You find your father changed?"

Kay started to speak; then understood the terror that lurked behind the older woman's words, and said quickly: "No, Mother. Not particularly. He's worn the same to me, so well, and cheerful!"

Mrs. Brannan nodded with a great relief. "I think he's well," she doubtfully agreed. "He hasn't been ill for over a year now, Kay."

And Kay said: "I'm so glad! It used to be so hard on you!"

Afterward, in the late dusk, they all walked over to Emily's, and saw the baby put to bed, and Kay found George astonishingly younger, more smiling, and with a calm dignity born of success, which became him well. Emily was radiant. Kay unconsciously had expected to find her sister faded, a little weary, beginning to seem older. But Emily, blooming with the approach of maturity, wore a wise and gracious beauty, the beauty of one who has found the life she loves.

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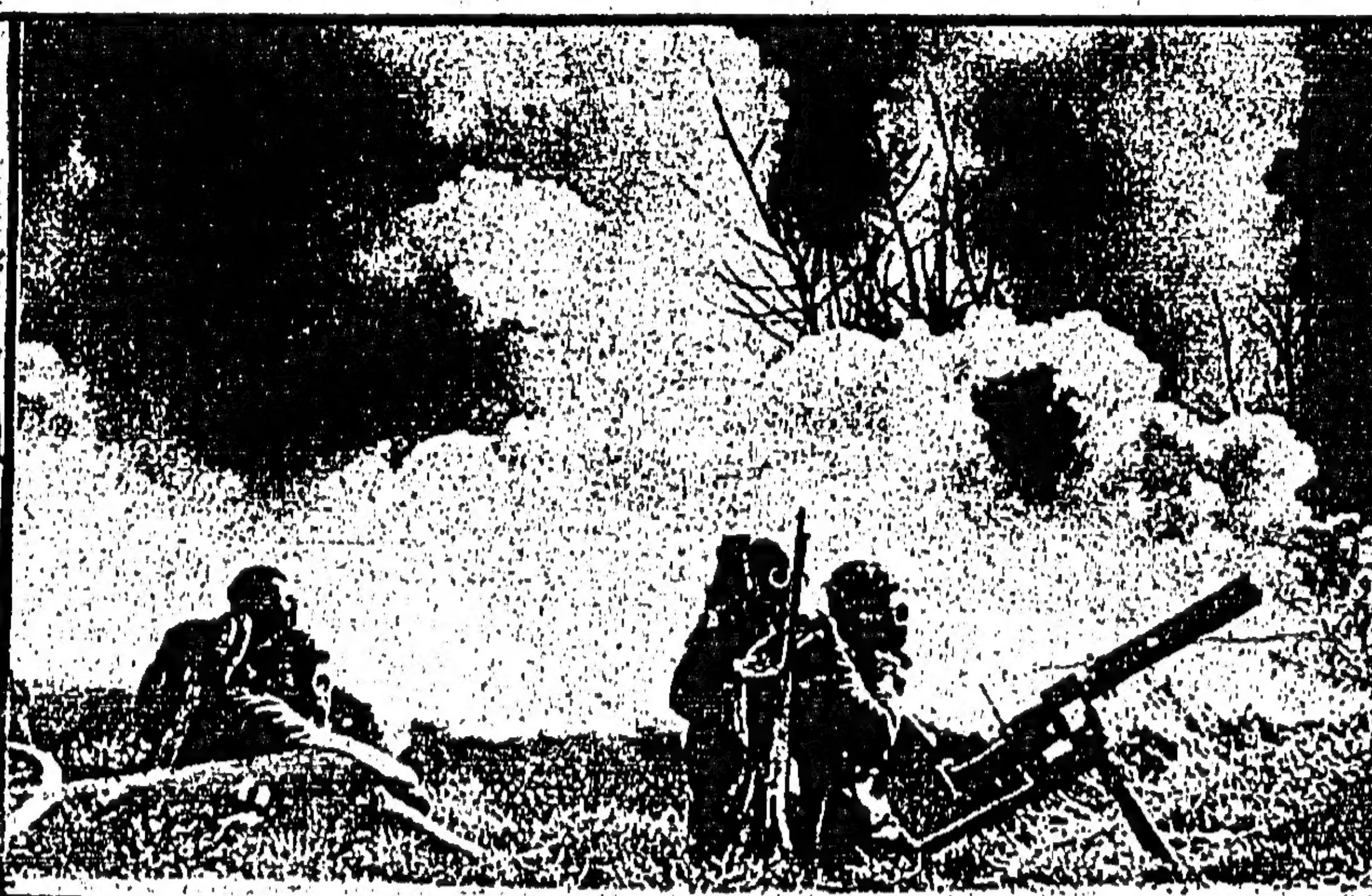
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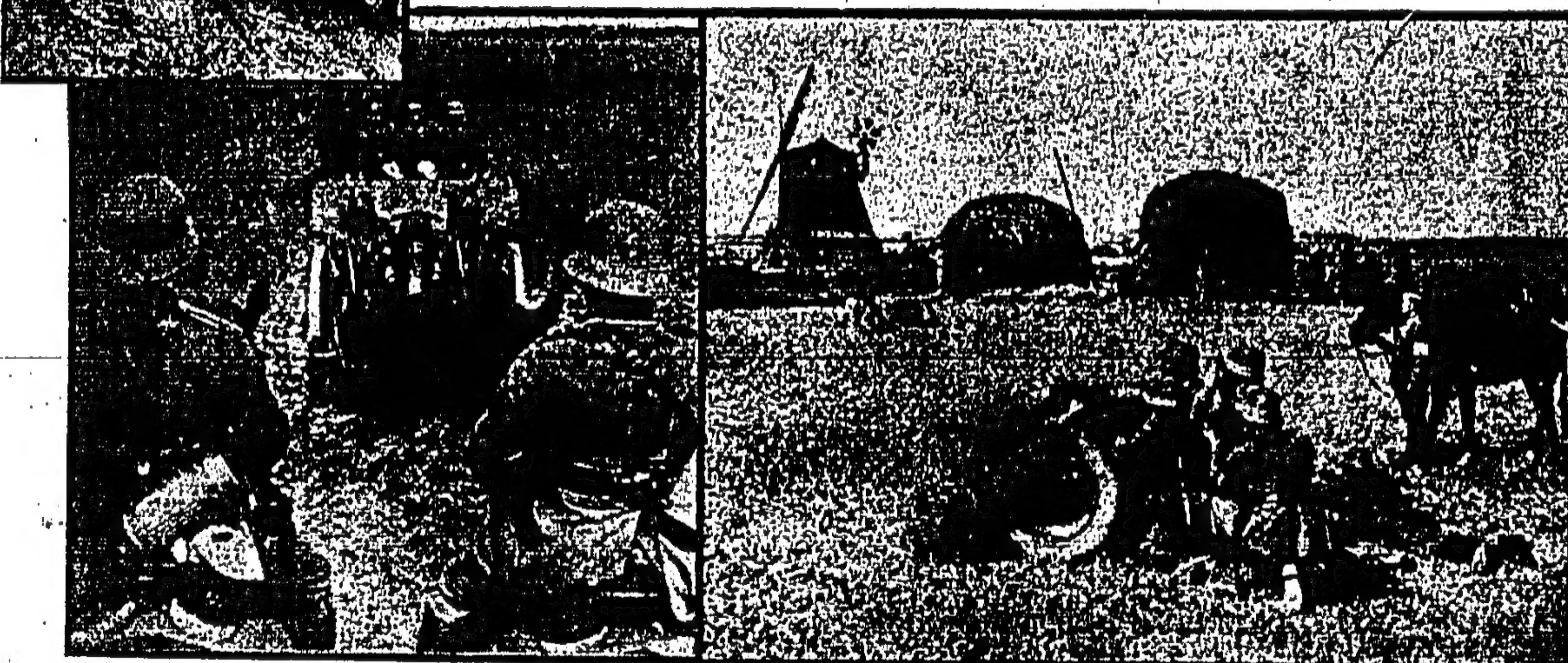
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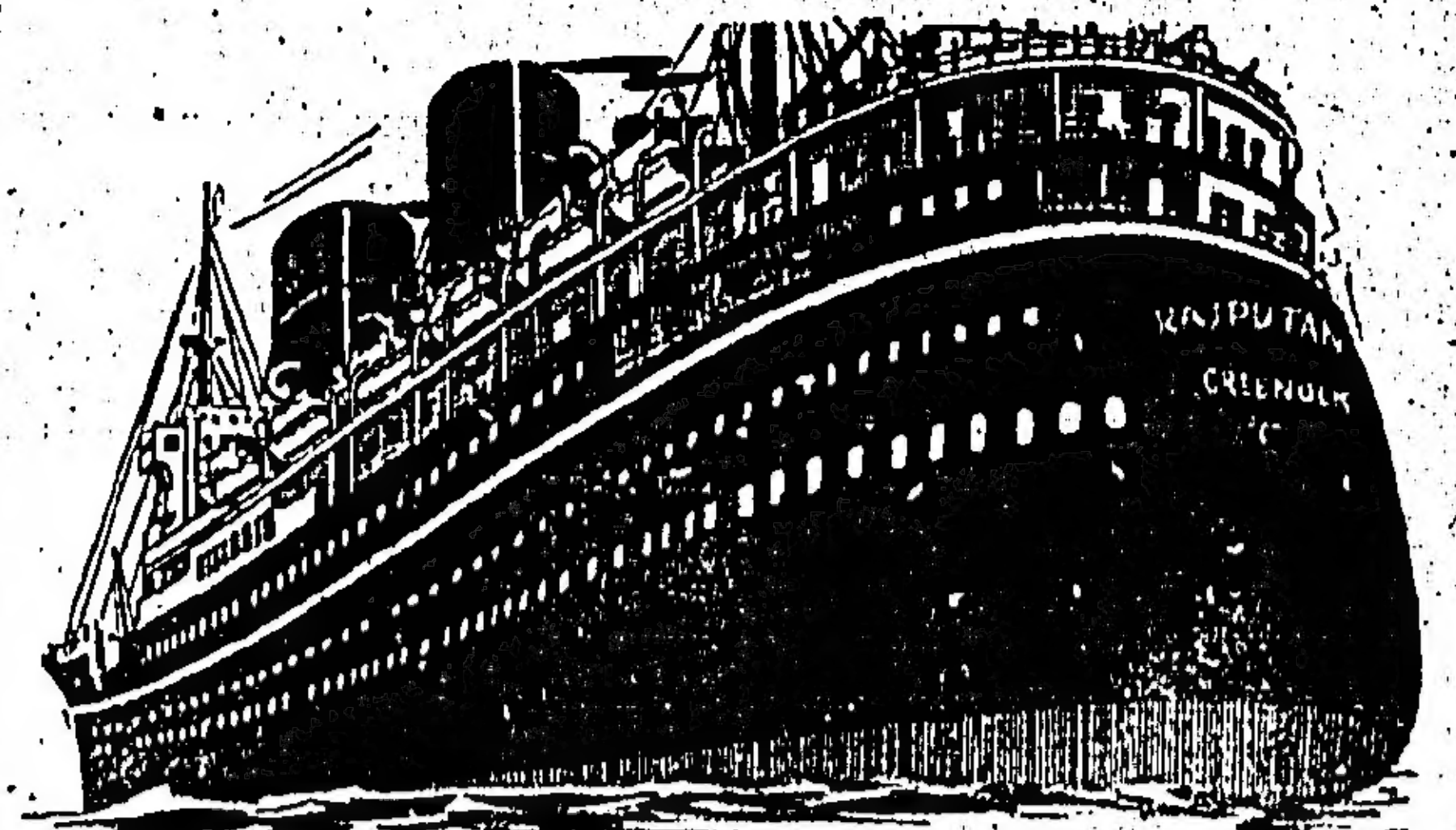
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Is It to Oil Way for Defence Bill? A Shield Against Peace Groups?

Washington, Mar. 5.
Best-informed American observers of foreign policies see three major motives in the violent outburst of anti-Japanese sentiment in Congress recently:

1. To get up a head of steam necessary to carry the billion-dollar national defence programme through Congress.
2. To reply to the "peace groups" whose criticism of the rearmament programme have been all too effective.
3. To express again to Japan, not too officially, American disapproval of the closed door in Asia.

Beyond these coherent objectives are the personal stands of the principal spokesmen such as Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who represents a Pacific-slope state where anti-Japanese feeling is strong anyway, and Senator J. Hamilton Lewis (D) of Illinois, who fears an alliance between Japan and Russia.

All the same, there is to be detected a faint strain of regret in some State Department circles that the Pittman speech was quite so violent in its expressions of distrust of a friendly power. That the State Department does not rise up as one man and disclaim the declaration of Congress ranking official foreign affairs is perhaps the most notable fact in the whole incident.

For, while Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, was forced to disavow responsibility for the speech, he did this so cautiously that he left the implication of considerable sympathy with the Pittman stand. This impression is confirmed by much behind-the-scenes comment of State Department officials.

Finds Good for a Dog

One revealing observation was that of an official who said: "We have to have these linguistic speeches every once in a while to counteract the influence of the pacifists. Those people are always giving Japan the impression that we are laying down. We're not. We are a peaceful people, but at the same time we won't be trampled upon. The peace people give that impression, and we have to go to the opposite extreme in order to disabuse Japan." A firmer attitude toward Japan has been discernible in State Department circles for some time. While neither Secretary Hull nor Norman H. Davis, Ambassador-at-Large now in London, have publicly allied themselves with the anti-Japanese group, it is common talk in diplomatic circles that they are far closer to what are "linguists" than the public usually suspects.

Partial to Big Navy

They sympathize altogether with the big national defence programme believing a strong navy to be necessary for prestige purposes, and to convince Japan that the United States has not become a "decadent nation." Moreover, a number of technical authorities on the Far East are fairly outspoken in their criticisms of Japan, and their attitude is: "Senator Pittman may have put it rather bluntly, but there was a lot of truth in what he said!"

Such is the mood in most official circles here these days. But exactly where it is leading is less clear. The Pittman speech wound up with a broad assertion of national policy:

Duty to Protect Citizens

"By every obligation imposed upon a government it is our duty, in honour and in good conscience, to defend and protect our citizens and those dependent upon us for protection, not only in the far Pacific but wherever they may be."

Apparently this cannot be accomplished through treaties, and if that be so, then there is only one answer, and that is dominating naval and air forces.

This "obligation" to protect American citizens everywhere is a revival of the "civis romanum sum" doctrine: the nation that "the flag follows the trader," and has not been proclaimed so broadly since early Coolidge days.

Change in Public Opinion

It was the general impression of observers that the American people had changed their minds, and were prepared to let foreign trade take its own risks.

But Senator Pittman, after a long and favourable quotation from a speech by Prof. Grover Clark urging collective action to enforce the Nine Power Treaty, the Kellogg Pact, and the League of Nations Covenant, said:

"I deeply regret to be compelled to admit that his suggested cure for war—namely, the enforcement of peace treaties—failed to receive official endorsement."

The implication was that Senator Pittman favoured use of force to apply peace treaties, and Senator William E. Borah (R) of Idaho was quick to pin him down.

Pittman Evades Question

The Idaho Senator demanded to know what "enforce the peace treaties" meant. Senator Pittman did not give a concrete reply, but referred to "a

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40 MILLION TIMES EARTH'S WEIGHT

The heaviest known star in the cosmos has been measured and weighed at the Harvard College Observatory. It is known as "29 Canis Majoris" in the constellation of that name.

conference of the nine powers," and in the announcement, made recently credit for discovery of facts concerning this heavy-weight champion is given Dr. Sergei I. Gaposchkin of the local staff who made a study of several hundred photographs and spectrographs taken at Cambridge and Harvard, Mass.

By way of explanation, it is pointed out that while "No. 29" is the heaviest known star, it is not the largest, nor is the matter of which it is composed a cubic unit. The largest known star is Antares in Scorpio, 420,000,000 miles in diameter. Several are now competing for honours as the densest, the companion to Sirius having been the first to hold the record with the electrons of its "star stuff" so closely packed together an ordinary knife, fork and spoon made from it would weigh approximately two tons each. Dr. General P. Kuiper at Harvard is now studying a star, the matter of which is apparently 50,000,000 times heavier than water.

Record For Weight

The star in the news to-day, 29 Canis Majoris, is well known to astronomers, but the fact that it holds the cosmos record for weight is not. It is a very brilliant star, easily visible to the naked eye, located near Sirius, the dog star. Close by is the constellation Orion.

The diameter of "Number 29" is figured at approximately 4,250 times that of the earth and it is also 40,000,000 times as heavy as the earth, 70 times as heavy as the sun. Dr. Gaposchkin has also established for the first time, that "Number 29" is an eclipsing star, composed of two giant heavenly objects revolving around one another.

As they revolve, each is hidden from earthly view at regular intervals, a phenomenon which enabled its mass or weight to be established even though it is approximately 20,000 light years distant and one of the hottest stars in the firmament.

Gravitaton

Measurements of how long one star is hidden behind the other, and of the distance between the two are used to determine the effect of the gravitational forces on the bodies, "proper representations to the Japanese Government."

But Frederick J. Libby, secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, to-day sought to put Senator Pittman in still further difficulties. He says:

"Senator Pittman advocates in effect building up our naval and air forces to a point where we can cross the Pacific and fight Japan for the sake of our investments in China."

Calls for Public Statement

"I do not believe that this particular motive for spending further billions annually on our military forces will commend itself to the American people when thoroughly understood. Our people are overwhelmingly and enthusiastically in favour of staying out of foreign wars, whether in Europe or in Asia. Why is Senator Pittman attempting to ride roughshod over this sentiment?"

"If, as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he is representing the policy of the Administration, that fact ought to be known. If he is not, why does the Administration permit him to misrepresent it?"

and thus obtain their weight. This is in accord with Newtonian theory in which weight is a function of the gravitational attraction of two bodies.

The larger star of the pair making up the eclipsing system was found to be 40 times as heavy as the sun and with a radius of 10,000,000 miles. The smaller star has a mass 30 times as great as the sun and a radius of 7,000,000 miles.

The gravitational behaviour was studied through an examination of the changes in light coming from the stars, and of changes in the star's spectrum. These changes were recorded on photographic plates. While the spectrum changes have been known to astronomers for some years, Dr. Gaposchkin is the first natural scientist to discover and measure accurately the light changes and thus to complete the data needed to fix the size of the star.

Heretofore only one double star has been known with a mass approaching that of 29 Canis Majoris. This star, AO Cassiopeiae, located in the "W" of the constellation Cassiopeia, is made up of components nearly equal in weight, neither of which, however, is as massive as the greater star in 29 Canis Majoris. AO Cassiopeiae is scarcely visible to the naked eye.

Nazis Expect 100 Per Cent Poll Backing

Berlin, Mar. 26.

Germany expects a hundred per cent poll in the General Election on Sunday, and no stone is being left unturned to achieve this end.

Polling stations have been established in the smallest villages and hamlets, and even in mid-air.

Over a hundred and fifty passengers and crew of the Graf Zeppelin and the Hindenburg, who are undergoing a four-day cruise over Germany, will vote in the air.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

ITALIAN ARMY ADVANCING

ETHIOPIANS LEAVE TEMBIEN AREA

Asmara, Mar. 26.

The Italians are reported to be pushing on rapidly on the Takazze-Setti River front. They are said to have occupied Matimbat, the scene of a heavy engagement last autumn. It is stated that the Ethiopians have evacuated the whole of the Tembien region, and that Ras Kessa and Ras Imru, with the remainder of their forces, are now near Gondar.—*Reuter.*

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Rome, Mar. 26.
It is stated that Italy has not made the withdrawal of sanctions a condition for negotiation of a settlement of the Ethiopian dispute, and the Committee of Thirteen's appeal is acceptable in principle.

Nevertheless, it is most unlikely that military operations will be called off until the Italian Command is assured that the Ethiopians are prepared to accept Italy's minimum terms, which is regarded as very doubtful at present.—*Reuter.*

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